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## W'stock will hear clergy of a variety of faiths

By ALISON ALOISIO  
Woodstock selectmen last Wednesday came up with what they hope is a solution to concerns regarding the prayer that traditionally starts each annual town meeting.

At the Feb. 7 board meeting, a group of citizens appealed to selectmen to alter the practice of a Christian prayer, delivered by a Baptist clergyman and invoking Jesus Christ, in order to be more sensitive to residents of other religious backgrounds and beliefs.

One suggestion was to simply change to a moment of silence. Another was to rotate each year among clergy of different faiths.

At Wednesday's board workshop, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said that he opposed a moment of silence.

"I'd rather have nothing, rather than a moment of silence," he said. "To me, that's for someone who died."

He said that earlier that day he had heard from a half dozen people who objected to a change. Two people also told him the issue should be taken to the voters.

But, said Maxfield, "I think that's a very bad idea, because it would be very divisive."

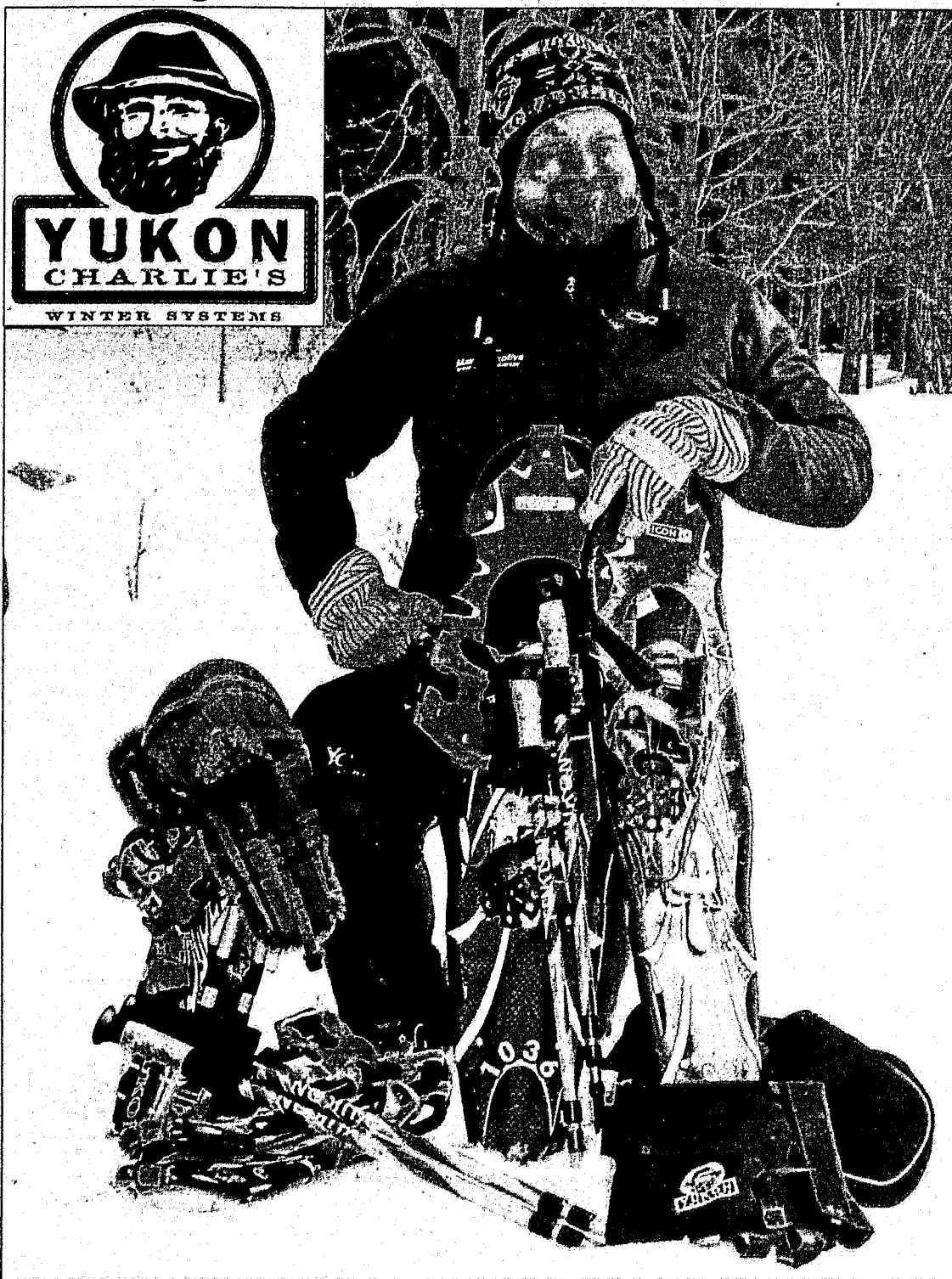
Deegan supported rotating clergy. The question to consider, he said, is "What is fair, and do we want to assure everyone feels comfortable? I think they bring a valid point, and we can't not address this. It's here now, and it's on the table. We're a melting pot more than we used to be."

Personally, he said, "I believe in prayer, whether it's my kind of prayer or not."

Steve Bies said he had in

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## Logo look alike with the loot



YUKON GABE Perkins, with his stash of prizes for winning the Yukon Charlie look-alike contest. He plans to donate one pair of snowshoes and a pair of trekking poles as door prizes at the annual Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation Ski-A-Thon, for which he and his wife, Jessie, are coordinators.

## Impersonation just runs in the family

By ALISON ALOISIO

Gabe Perkins' family has a history of playing the role of, or looking like, someone else.

His grandparents, Ernest and Betty Perkins, regularly played Dr. and Mrs. Moses Mason for the Bethel Historical Society.

And 20 years ago, his great uncle won a Homer Simpson look-alike contest.

So when his friend Carol Bourque told him in November there was a look-alike contest he should enter, he had a family tradition to uphold.

Bourque found the contest online. It called

for people to enter a "Yukon Charlie" look-alike competition.

Yukon Charlie's Winter Systems sells outdoor gear, primarily snowshoes. The company logo features a mountain-man type character with a beard.

The winner would receive \$500 worth of snowshoe equipment. And the person who recommended the eventual winner would get a free pair of snowshoes.

"Carol said she needed new snowshoes," said Perkins.

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## Bethel will try again to have MDOT lower Route 2 speed limits

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Bethel Board of Selectmen agreed Monday to try once again to convince the Maine Department of Transportation to lower the speed limits on Route 2 from the Sunday River Road.

At the same time they warned that the request might be as futile as the effort, now well over a decade long, to convince MDOT to install a stop light at the intersection of Route 2 and the Parkway—rather than just the flashing red and orange lights (or, in MDOT-speak, "double-headed wigwag beacons") that are there now.

The board's decision to at

least make the attempt once again came in response to a petition presented by Mayville resident and business owner Ross Timberlake and signed by more than 40 people, many likewise residents and/or business owners along Route 2.

Several of those who signed added their own comments on the traffic situation in Mayville and the dangers they perceive there.

**'The majority of our operating under the influence (OUI) arrests in the Town of Bethel are on Route 2.'**

WAYNE GALLANT  
Oxford County Sheriff

Koral Kimball, who operates a childcare in Mayville, said the road is being driven not as a small main route in Maine but as a California interstate.

Norman Milliard pointed to

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## Portion of Greenwood TIF would be targeted at Locke Mills' blight

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Greenwood needs to identify a little more "blight" in Locke Mills, if it wants to qualify for tax increment financing (TIF) tied to future improvements and development at Mt. Abram.

If it does qualify, then part of the money made available as a result of the TIF would be put toward infrastructure and other initiatives aimed at eliminating that blight.

Another portion of the TIF would go to offset the increased property taxes Mt. Abram would pay for the improvements which make the TIF possible.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said infrastructure efforts in blighted areas might include road improvements, economic signage, a marketing campaign or website for Green-

wood businesses, even the establishment of a town Planning and Development Department.

Sparks told the town Budget Committee last week that "Smitty, who is the state TIF lady working in our district," said the town's initial draft of a TIF proposal included too much residential property but not enough commercial, and it lacked sufficient "stuff that is blighted."

Budget Committee member Loretta Mikols thought the blight was self evident.

"Isn't that downtown Locke Mills?" Mikols said. "And isn't that Howe Hill all the way up? Has she driven Howe Hill?"

"I'm very concerned with what's happening to Locke Mills," Mikols said later. "Look at the village—every-

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## Woodstock selectmen propose \$100K for repairs to aging dam

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen decided last week to recommend that voters at next month's town meeting allocate \$100,000, from increased tax revenues, toward fixing the leaking dam on Lake Christopher.

But that amount, said selectman Chair Rick Young, is likely less than half of the total that will be needed.

The allocation is part of a recommendation package for nearly \$400,000 in anticipated

extra tax revenue, to be paid by the new Spruce Mountain LLC wind project.

Of that total, \$200,000 will go to reduce the mill rate, if voters approve. Another \$60,000 would go to roadwork.

The board had asked for suggestions from townspeople for spending the funds. At a budget workshop last week, they said they had heard from three or four people.

Reducing the mill rate was a priority for selectmen.

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# Letters

## OTHERS ALSO HAVE RIGHTS

### To the Editor:

Michele Bouchard's letter (Citizen, Feb. 9) is thoughtful and well expressed; however, it only states one side of the noise issue. Certainly those in the forestry industry have a need and right to work. They contribute to an important part of Maine's economy. But other citizens have rights and needs as well. Most of us have risen early to get to work, but few of us have awakened every neighbor within earshot in the process and kept them awake for hours, for months at a time. Think of the nurse who works four ten hour days a week. She drives an hour to her job treating cancer patients, is on her feet all day, returns home in the evening, has supper and goes to bed. Her demanding work requires a good night's sleep. But at 4:30 the roaring of heavy equipment awakens her. She arrives at the hospital groggy and sleep deprived. She has rights and needs, too.

Surely, reasonable people can find a way to respect the needs and rights of both loggers and ordinary citizens.

By the way, this week an unidentified "logger" left a hostile and threatening message on our phone. It is sad to think that in a wonderful town like Greenwood, citizens cannot use democratic processes to raise issues for public discussion without being harassed and intimidated.

Pat and Henry Stewart  
Greenwood

## INCLUDING A RIGHT TO SLEEP

### To the Editor:

In response to Michele Bouchard's letter opposing the right of Greenwood residents to pass a noise ordinance because of logging operations, I support the residents. I do not believe it is, as she states, "Greenwood cares more about preserving 'vacationland' than it does the livelihood of its people." Those residents pay taxes that sustain their town just as woodlot owners do. I am responding as a granddaughter whose grandfather logged from age 14 in Aroostook County.

For the past two winters my neighbors and I have listened to the "hum" of logging. I have also listened to the roar of logging and chipping trucks running night and day. It has been a common practice on our small town road in Newry, to have trucks up and down road throughout the night, not just the crack of dawn. They drive within 50 feet of my home. I believe I too have a right to have a night of uninterrupted sleep and a road without ruts. She mentions local economy yet the logging company on our road is from Denmark, not Newry, Bethel, Hanover, nor Upton.

Harvesting practices were mentioned yet I see the mountainsides in the area being stripped bare of hardwoods and softwoods. Wood chips are being removed and not allowed to add nutrients to the soil, nor do not see replanting for the families who rely on "sustainable" forests for the future and little or no oversight. Look at Route 26 and East B Hill Road to see those "sustainable" practices (so much for our "scenic byway").

One group of people should not be protected without some sort of regulation and oversight. Part of this whole equation should be truck weights on closed roads, unsafe driving practices, noise at all hours of day and night and "sustainable" forests for the future.

Connie Moulton  
Newry

## PRAYER NOT 'ONE SIZE FITS ALL'

### To the Editor:

Two of us, one an atheist, the other a Christian minister, offer our mutual support to the effort in Woodstock (Citizen, Feb. 9) to broaden the understanding of prayer at civic meetings and events.

We think Peter Gartner and others are to be commended for raising this issue, and for opening an important window with the Woodstock Selectmen. In our pluralistic society, prayer is never a "one size fits all" prescription.

Daniel Johnson, Bethel  
Scott Hynek, Bethel

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

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When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM HERE FEB. 27

### To the Editor:

In late February and March, economic development entities in western Maine in conjunction with the Western Mountains Alliance will host a regional public forum series exploring land use and the impacts of new LURC legislation in western Maine's unorganized territories. Forums will feature a broad range of presenters including residential and woodlot property owners, policy experts and tourism interests.

Forums are scheduled for Feb. 27 in Bethel, Feb. 28 in The Forks, and March 1 in Carrabassett Valley. A fourth forum in Piscataquis County is yet to be scheduled.

In 2011, the LURC Reform Commission charged with making recommendations to improve the Land Use Regulation Commission released its suggestions.

A small state agency with oversight for over 10 million acres in Maine's unorganized territories, LURC is responsible for permitting projects such as new home development, as well as resort and large-scale wind projects.

Legislation introduced this session to improve how the agency operates includes changing its name to the Land Use Planning Commission; increasing representation of county commissioners on its board; and allowing counties that meet certain requirements to provide their own oversight for land use planning and permitting in their unorganized territories.

The public is invited to explore what these changes may mean for land use and regulation in western Maine's unorganized territories.

The public forum series is supported by the Emanuel and Pauline A. Lerner Foundation in partnership with the Western Mountains Alliance, Somerset Economic Development Corporation, Piscataquis County Economic Development Council, Greater Franklin Economic Development Corporation, the Western Maine Economic Development Council and the Western Maine Legislative Caucus.

See below for information for Oxford County. Refreshments will be provided; RSVPs are requested. FMI: contact Tanya Swain, Western Mountains Alliance, at (207) 778-3885 or tswain@westernmountainsalliance.org.

Oxford County: Monday, Feb. 27 (snow date: Feb. 28), 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Telstar High School Lecture Hall, Bethel. FMI: Western Maine Economic Development Council, 739-6543, mpurcell@community-concepts.org

Panelists: Scott Cole, Oxford County Administrator; Sherman Small, District Manager for NE Forestry Consultants; Bryan Wentzell, Maine Policy Director and Northern Forest/Maine Woods Advocate for the Appalachian Mountain Club; Robin Zinchuk, business owner and resident of Albany Twp.; Samantha Horne-Olsen, LURC Acting Director

Tanya Swain  
Western Mountains Alliance

## ROTARY ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET

### To the Editor:

The Rotary Club of Bethel will hold its Spring All-You-Can-Eat Buffet at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel on Sunday, March 18, 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Buy your adult ticket in advance and save a dollar. Tickets in advance go for \$7. Tickets are available from club members or at the River View Resort, Inn at the Rostay or Mt. Mann Jewellers. Tickets at the door will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 12 or younger.

Proceeds benefit the club's community projects and scholarships.

The club was a major contributor to the Davis Park Playground and the Skateboard Park. We actively support several Rotary programs for students, e.g., educational materials for SAD 44, literacy readings, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for sophomores, World Affair Seminar for all high school students and recognition of Telstar High School Students of the Month and Telstar's Top Ten Graduating Seniors.

The Bethel Rotary Club also sponsors their Christmas for Children program, hosts an annual Christmas Seniors Dinner, provides food baskets for families at Christmas, funds projects such as Maine Children's Cancer program, Bryant Pond 4-H Camp Learning Center, Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice, the Mahosuc Kids Association and the Bethel Library.

The Club is especially proud of its hands-on projects.

We have built bridges at Camp Susan Curtis, constructed a greenhouse and chicken tractor at the Bryant Pond 4-H camp, provided firewood to those in need and built handicapped accessible ramps.

So folks, this is a great opportunity to enjoy a terrific breakfast, have fellowship and fun while supporting your friends and neighbors who may be experiencing difficult times.

Hope to see you there!  
If you can't attend yourself, buy breakfast for a friend.

Joe Arizzi  
Rotary Club of Bethel

## 'Celladore'

### The First Years: Do You See Many Wild Animals, Many Birds?

The whippoorwills are our most dependable birds. At nine p.m. they start calling at the edge of the south woods, come nearer and nearer the house. If we come inside, they come to the porch and for ten minutes whack their bills against a certain chair that they like. One can really see that the call is not a song at all but the bill in action.

They move away to the pumphouse steps and then disappear into the north woods. I had never seen one until I came here and was disappointed in the ungainly appearance. How I enjoy the call and do not watch them unless company is here. Then we tiptoe into the dining room for an orchestra seat view.

Our spirits soared at our glimpses of our glamour birds, a few special days each year. The goldfinches glitter about when the asparagus goes to seed in late July; in the open woods they eat seeds of half-blown purple thistles. The bluebirds are here once in early summer, disappear, come back for a few days in autumn to swish about on the swinging woodbine. A few times the indigo bunting, bluer than the sky, will sing from the top of the horizon fir tree. The scarlet tanagers stay in the woods, but come out to display themselves in the crab apple tree in late May, open to whiteness. Once they sat on the scarecrow in the garden. If we miss them early in the season, once during the summer one will fly across the road in front of the truck, a messenger maybe of faith.

Partridges are everywhere; one is always flying out from under the horses' feet when we are riding, usually ignored except by Duchess who pretends fear. I need a deep seat for her sidewise leap. The infant mortality rate is high. B.B. often stops the truck while an anxious mother gets her brood of six or seven across the road. By August only three will be left. We never see her but can hear her call. The little ones cross one at a time. Not until one is safely out of sight (probably under her wing) will she signal for another to come.

Walking home from the mailbox of a June day and snatching glimpses of newspaper headlines, I am frightened by a great hiss and whirl at my heels. I jump and run, heart beating wildly. After a short distance, my mind clears. I am not torn limb from limb, so slacken my pace and look back. Coming behind me is a partridge with wings spread wide, and neck feathers standing out like an Elizabethan ruff. I have probably walked over her young in the road without seeing them. I walk on briskly to calm the mother, realizing that the proper name "ruffed grouse" is physically and temperamentally apt.

Hawks impress me with their graceful glides. They seemed the epitome of power until one day, on the south side of Whitecap on a blueberry jaunt, I watched a pair of eagles whirl and dip and dance in the sky to the music of mewing cries. One could fear an eagle, but one is bewitched by wild geese. I have never lost the sense of wonder and mystery about the universe instilled in me when a child by my white-haired grandmother who was never too busy to call us all outside whenever a flock went over. Only once in suburban living did I see the spring flight. It was on an April morning at Lid Beach. I was standing stiffly at attention on the drill field with ten thousand sailors and nineteen other Waves. I heard the cry, looked up, saw a great V going north. "Look, Wild Geese," I pointed, then came back to attention facing the inspecting officer.

"Are you a country girl, sailor?" he said.

"Yes, sir," trembled I.

He passed on. For several days I expected minutely to be called to a captain's mast. Nothing happened.

The largest flock that I ever saw was on a flaming October day on Swan Hill. For three springs while riding by this abandoned farm site we had seen daffodils blooming in the grass. Each fall we stopped to dig up a few bulbs (the owner had given permission) but could never find them. This year in spring Pat had dismounted and put a few sticks in as markers.

B.B. drove us up in the four-wheel drive and we walked blithely to what we thought was the spot. No markers were to be found, nothing but a tangle of wild cherry bushes, goldenrod, aster, tough-stemmed grasses. We poked about while B.B. stood with the spade insisting that no flowers could ever survive in that jungle. We were almost ready to admit defeat when we heard the honking of wild geese. Soon they came into sight, not the usual even V but with one side much shorter than the other. They broke up and scattered all over, two scouts or leaders emerged; quickly a perfect V was formed.

We stood enchanted amid the jeweled growth and watched them out of sight. As we looked reluctantly back to earth, we spied the markers. B.B. dug the bulbs; we came home and planted them by moonlight along the pasture fence. When we move away from Celladore, I shall leave all the garden shrubs and plants for the new owner except for these charmed bulbs.

The geese have resting places nearby. Sometimes hundreds of them stay for a week. People go to see them but I have no wish to see them grounded. Rather, I listen for them spring and fall. If they are flying high, the plaintive sounds get louder, then drift away, you do not see them. When they do come into sight, I stand entranced until they disappear. Watching them winging their way north or south is a magical experience. I listen and think maybe this was the kind of siren song that lured the first fish to emerge from the primeval ooze and start the long journey to becoming man. I understand why Columbus could sail on and on, why the Curies persisted until radium was found. I fly with them to the land at the back of the north wind. Anything is believable for the short time before the geese disappear. One can still hear the call after they drift out of sight. I listen until the last faint tone is gone. With it goes hope for the return of a lost love; reluctantly I come back to the here and now.

Beginning next week: 'How Do You Get Water?'

# Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

**10 years ago:** Gould Academy students presented "The Taming of the Shrew" in Bingham Auditorium.

Bethel voters approved \$50,000 for preliminary architectural and engineering work on a replacement building for the fire station.

The Mollycodd Chorus presented "An American Love Song" at the Telstar auditorium.

**Births:** Silvan Lee and Shy-ene Alan Sweetser, Elizabeth Ashleigh Cooper.

**Deaths:** Margaret Smith, Muriel T. Stewart.

**20 years ago:** Workers were putting the finishing touches on the 24-unit low-income Bethel Park Apartments complex.

The seniors won Telstar's second annual drama contest with the presentation of "Barefoot in the Park."

Gould Academy hosted 30 Hungarian students for two weeks as part of a month-long cultural exchange. To complete the exchange, 30 Gould freshman traveled to Hungary for a two-week stay.

**Deaths:** Michael D. Jordan, Gardiner P. Gorman, Jennie A. Jones, John Jay Willard, Sr.

**30 years ago:** The ell and barn of the Valentine house on Mechanic Street was destroyed by fire, and the house sustained heavy smoke and water damage.

Gould Academy moved to the Western Maine Class D basketball tournament finals with a 58-51 win over Oak Grove-Coburn.

Students in Gould Academy's drama program presented "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder.

**Deaths:** Philip L. Fortin, Durwood E. Lang.

**40 years ago:** Gov. and Mrs. Kenneth Curtis were on hand to cut the ribbon at the opening of Sunday River Skiway's new chair-lift.

E. Louise Lincoln of Bethel announced she would seek the Republican nomination to the 5th Senatorial District. She was serving her sixth term in the Maine House.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Clough were tendered a surprise party in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

**Deaths:** Mrs. Leona E. Bean, John B. Fox.

**50 years ago:** The Crescent Park basketball team defeated the West Paris 7th- and 8th-grade boys in two games.

The home of Laurence Bartlett on the Songo Pond Road was gutted in an early morning fire.

The 7th- and 8th-grade classes of the Congregational Sunday School were entertained at a Valentine Party at the home of Mrs. Norris Brown.

**Death:** William M. Emery.

**60 years ago:** The caboose and one freight car of an east-bound train, which was stopped in drifted snow, burned after being struck by a Portland-bound way freight, about 3 miles west of Bethel.

Weekend skiers at the Vernon Street tow enjoyed some of the best skiing of the season.

**Deaths:** Dr. Claude U. Abbott, Clarence W. Judkins.

**70 years ago:** The Red Cross was holding classes both afternoon and evening in Nutrition, First Aid, and Home Nursing.

Living accommodations were being prepared at West Paris for negro troops who were to guard the CNR bridges.

**Deaths:** Mrs. Mabel Eastman, Mrs. Nora M. Dresser.

**80 years ago:** Harlan Hutchins, a sophomore at Gould, was one of the eleven who competed in the Annual Public Speaking Contest held at the William Bingham Gymnasium.

**90 years ago:** Rev. J. H. Little officiated at the double funeral service for Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Proctor at East Bethel.

**Death:** Mrs. Daniel A. Glines.

**100 years ago:** F. S. Storey's Photo Plays were popular entertainment every Friday evening.

**Deaths:** Lucy Emma Bemis, Austin Oliver, Solon C. Curtis.

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# Letters

## TREE OF PEACE AND LOVE

To the Editor:

The North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational churches would like to thank everyone in the community who participated in the first annual Tree of Peace and Love during the Christmas season.

As people "bought" a white light bulb in honor or in memory of a loved one, or to express a prayerful thought, the colored lights on the evergreen trees in front of the two churches turned bit by bit to white.

The names and thoughts, including the names of local servicemen and women, were written on paper cranes, which are symbols of peace, and hung on the trees as well. The money raised by the project will be used to help local people who are in need. We were all surprised by the outpouring of support from the community, and we look forward to next year's trees.

Judy Green  
Waterford

## CONSIDER THE CANDIDATES

To the Editor:

The Republican Party is now in the process of striving to select their candidate for the Presidency of the United States. Void of an intercession of divine intervention it seems as if the options are likely to be either Newt Gingrich or Mitt Romney. Regardless of which one becomes the Republicans nominee for the presidency, either one will have some dubious credentials to present for consideration by the collective electorate of this country.

As a campaign challenge, Mitt Romney was recently coerced into the embarrassing position of reluctantly revealing a partial indication of the obscene magnitude of his personal wealth. Mitt is not only in the top monetary one percent he is in the top one percent of the top one percent. Whether Republican, Democrat, Independent, or any other political persuasion, those that are below the status of the top one percent, might be well served to consider reality.

The economic wrecking ball, of vulture capitalistic impropriety, that was so deftly wielded by the most recent Republican administration swung in two directions. One way it demolished the economic status of the working and middle class, on the back swing it served only to deposit the value of that which had been demolished on front swing into the incessantly expanding coffers of the top money hungry one percent.

This is evidenced by the fact, that the ravages of the present day economic dilemma are visited solely on all those below the top one percent while the coveted status of the top one percent is left completely unaffected.

Mitt Romney's proclamation that if he becomes the President of the United States, he would run the whole country the same way he ran his business ventures should strike absolute terror into the heart of everyone, including the top monetary one percent. Such intense radicalization would serve only to incite a humanitarian catastrophe of incomprehensible consequence.

As far as Newt Gingrich is concerned, I would find it difficult to lend much credence to a millionaire candidate for the presidency of the United States, who in a nationally televised debate would seem to suggest that taking enough food stamps away from the needy to pay for a permanent space station on the moon would be a feasible endeavor.

Don Chase  
Bethel

# Briefly

## TMS receives donation for books

**BETHEL**—The SAD 44 School Board Monday accepted gifts of \$150 and \$1,027, respectively, from the Bethel Rotary Club and the Jolly Drayman at Briar Lea Inn, to be used toward the Telstar Middle School literacy project. The funds will be used to purchase copies of the book, "A Wilderness Ranger's Journal - Rendezvous at Devil's Elbow," by Tim Caverly. Caverly will provide an interactive presentation with music and scenic and historic photos, to several classes, according to a letter provided by Joe Arizzi of the Rotary Club. Caverly will also direct a writing workshop for interested students. Caverly served as supervisor of The Allagash Wilderness Waterway for 18 years. He has written several children's books.

## SAD 44 supervisory jobs combined

**BETHEL**—SAD 44 Transportation Supervisor Ron Deegan was approved Monday by the School Board for the combined position of transportation and maintenance supervisor, according to Supt. Dave Murphy. Deegan replaces Burnie Rice in maintenance, who retired in December. Deegan's salary of \$42,806 will see an increase of \$15,000 for the new position, prorated for the remainder of the school year. His salary next year will be \$58,555. In other business Monday, the board learned that the state is currently estimating a \$25,000 increase in state aid to SAD 44 for next school year. The figure, however, is preliminary. This year the district received \$831,457 in aid.

## Motorcycle registration changes

**AUGUSTA**—Secretary of State Charlie Summers reminds Maine's motorcycle owners of the changes that were made to registration and inspection stickers. Last session, the legislature passed LD 221, "An Act to Make Changes to the Motorcycle Inspection Program." LD 221 changed the law to require the motorcycle inspection sticker to be displayed on the vehicle's registration plate. The new requirement starts in March, and will be phased in over the next year. The inspection sticker will be placed in the plate's upper left corner. In order to accommodate the inspection sticker, all motorcycle registrations (except those classes not required to be inspected) will be changed to a fixed March expiration. Starting in April 2012, when a motorcycle is registered or renewed, the expiration date will be changed to expire in the next March. The registrant will be issued a combined month/year sticker, which should be placed in the upper right corner. In order to transition into a mandatory March expiration, registration fees and excise taxes will be prorated for the correct number of months. The standard annual motorcycle registration fee is \$21. In the future, when an owner registers a newly acquired motorcycle, the registration fee and excise tax will be prorated to reflect a March expiration. However, fees for delayed renewal will be calculated in accordance with existing state law, and generally full fees will be charged. To facilitate fee calculation and to ease the municipal clerks' workloads, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles encourages motorcycle registrants to use the online service Rapid Renewal to renew whenever possible. Approximately three-quarters of all Maine registrants live in towns participating in Rapid Renewal. <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>.

## Woodland Owners presentation

**SOUTH PARIS**—The western Maine chapter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine will present a program at 7 p.m. Feb. 16 on services provided to landowners by foresters and forest rangers. The free meeting open to all will be held at Oxford Hills High School from 7-9 p.m. Signs will be posted at the various school entrances indicating the room. Paul Larrivee, procurement forester for SAPP, will speak about services foresters provide and how they can benefit landowners. A Maine forest ranger will speak about the role they play for landowners. Contact Rich Merk at 627-4102 for more information.

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## Route 2

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the danger posed by chronic misuse of the breakdown lanes on either side of the road.

"Cars and trucks pass in the breakdown lane, creating a very serious potential for someone walking or biking to be killed," Millard wrote.

He urged the selectmen to be proactive now rather than wait for someone to be killed.

Seabury Lyon described the situation as "a tragedy waiting to happen, and it can be avoided by moderating speed and strict enforcement."

Donald G. Bennett noted that the road serves as part of the main route between Brattleboro, Vt. and Bangor, and "is also the main route for trucks hauling chips to paper mills — sometimes as many as 12 an hour. Bethel needs to protect its drivers who use this route to shop in Bethel."

The selectmen offered no arguments, and added their own observations.

Chairman Stan Howe cited the abbreviated passing lane going up the hill just west of the Sunday River Road.

"That's a very dangerous situation there," Howe said. "Somebody tries to pass you there, and it narrows up, and somebody has to play chicken there."

Selectman Don Bennett said,

"I'm a regular traveler to the North Road, as many other people here are, on a very frequent nature, and as you go over the bridge and get ready to go on to the North Road, you have trucks, cars and everything coming at you from both directions."

"They think they should be going 50 on a 35 mile-per-hour road."

But, he cautioned the audience: "In my tenure on the board I think we've been through this at least twice that I remember, and each time we end up with a DOT guy sitting out there and telling us that to do this is actually going to cause more problems rather than less."

Howe also pointed to the town's inability to convince MDOT to install a traffic light at the Rite Aid intersection, an intersection MDOT classifies as "high crash," and one where collisions have taken the lives of two Bethel women.

In a separate accident there, a Bethel Police Department cruiser was totaled.

"That's one of the worst places in town," Howe said, "and we've got to do something about that, too."

## Enforcement

In the written comments regarding the petition and at

Monday's meeting, there were complaints about an apparent lack of enforcement on Route 2 of the existing speed limits and of other traffic laws.

"Even if we do lower the speed, enforcement is the other part of it," Howe said.

Asked by The Citizen about enforcement, Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant offered the following information: "From January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 the Oxford County Sheriff's Office generated 241 traffic violations resulting in 193 summonses on Route 2 in the Town of Bethel. We also logged another 55 violations resulting in 51 written warnings in the same area."

"An added note is that the majority of our operating under the influence (OUI) arrests in the Town of Bethel are on Route 2. In 2011 we arrested 34 individuals for OUI as well."

The board voted unanimously Monday to have Town Manager Jim Doar contact MDOT to push the argument for lower speed limits.

Doar said Tuesday he was drafting a letter asking MDOT to conduct a traffic survey, and he plans to make the case that there is now more traffic and businesses along that stretch of Route 2.

## Clergy

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the past talked to a Baptist pastor who had offered the prayer at the meeting. The pastor, Bies said, did not have a problem with taking turns among different faiths.

"If we did that, I think it would satisfy the concerns," said Bies.

The board agreed that would be the best solution. They also stipulated that remarks be included to honor men and women in the service.

Selectmen then tasked Maxfield with creating a list of clergy from the area who might be called upon.

Maxfield said he would be "very comfortable in making that search."

He added that while he didn't think all townspeople would be happy with the plan, "I think you've done the right job for the town, and I appreciate it."

## Dam

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But they also felt an urgency to put the dam-repair project on a faster track.

The dam has been leaking for 20 years, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said.

Lake Christopher is the source for the Little Androscoggin River, which flows down through South Paris and Norway.

"If the dam goes out, and all those places along the shorefront — 100 feet is \$200,000 in valuation — and you're paying taxes on that, what are you going to tell the taxpayers when they're looking at a mudflat?" asked Young.

Added Ron Deegan, "Not only that, can you imagine all the water downstream in Norway?"

Young said the dam could be a liability issue for Woodstock.

To date, the town has raised \$15,000 for dam work.

Said Young, "I would consider us lucky if we get it done for under \$200,000."

He said requirements of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection would push the cost very high.

Young recommended the board get an engineer to look at the dam, to give them a better idea of the work required and the cost.

The money for roadwork would be split between fixing the Concord Pond Road and general reclaiming work elsewhere.

**Noise ordinance, no penalty?**

The board also decided to recommend a noise ordinance proposal for the town meeting, with a modification from a plan presented by resident Jan Kendrick.

Primarily because of complaints about large trucks using "jake brakes" on Route 26, Kendrick last fall requested a "Quiet Zone" for Bryant Pond Village. The ordinance she proposed would include a ban on the use of the engine brakes (except by emergency vehicles), as well as the use of illegal exhaust systems. The ordinance includes monetary penalties.

Selectmen were skeptical that the ordinance could be enforced.

Selectman Ron Deegan also said he was concerned that a

ban on jake brakes could create safety problems for the trucks, and potentially for those in their path.

Using the jake brakes takes pressure off the wheel brakes, which can heat up with use.

"I think it's a safety issue," said Deegan. "I believe it does help them save their brakes, but also save people's lives, slowing down. I think we ought to have signs, but I don't think we need an ordinance. There's a legitimate noise concern, but safety outweighs that for me. I don't want the truckers to have to second guess."

The board eventually decided to recommend the proposal without the penalty portion, hoping for voluntary compliance with the signs that would go up. (Kendrick later agreed to dropping the penalty, Maxfield said.)

Young suggested the board might also pursue a reduction in the speed limit leading into town, to perhaps slow the trucks down before they would need to use the jake brakes.

## TIF

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thing is either burned up or for sale."

**Credit enhancement TIF**

The town is seeking a so-called "credit enhancement" TIF, which, like all TIFs, would allow that any increased property value associated with Mt. Abram not be counted against

the town's valuation for purposes of calculating Greenwood's share of the SAD 44 school budget, nor for calculating the amount of state revenue sharing the town receives.

But a credit-enhancement TIF would also allow the town to contribute part of the funds from those two benefits back to the developer responsible for the improvements, in order to offset the increased taxes he would be paying on the upgraded property.

The improvements at the center of the current discus-

sion are a one-acre array of solar panels Mt. Abram plans to install.

The electricity generated by the panels would not be used directly on site, but would be sold to Central Maine Power, with the income used to offset the cost of electricity used at

portion of that, depending on what percentage the town sets up with him, to help him recoup some of those costs."

TIFs can extend for up to 30 years, Sparks said, but in this case the selectmen and Budget Committee are leaning toward a period of 20 years, with a gradual phasing down in the amount of improvements covered to begin in year 15.

"We want to taper down at the end of it, so we're not at that last year facing this big increase to our value that's going to zap us really hard with school funding and all that."

If the state does eventually sign off on a TIF, it must still be approved by Greenwood town voters.

Sparks said she expects the Budget Committee and selectmen to have one ready to present — along with their own recommendations — to voters at this year's annual town meeting in May.

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the skiway.

Sparks said later that the rationale directing some of the TIF funds back to Mt. Abram is that while owner Matt Hancock would save money by installing the solar farm, "if he had to turn around and pay the same amount or more for taxes on that he's not ahead."

"So he's asking to set up a credit-enhancement agreement, in which the town would send him a tax bill, and if the [TIF] goes through, then we would reimburse him a

## Look alike

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Perkins.

So did Gabe. He had broken his two years earlier.

He had to act quickly, though: it was Nov. 28, and entries, with a photo, were due Dec. 1.

At the time, Gabe's beard and hair were both short.

But he had a two-year-old photo, taken when he was at Baxter State Park in the winter — where he had broken his snowshoes.

In the logo, Yukon Charlie has a slight smirk. In Gabe's photo, by chance, he did too.

So he entered the contest via Facebook, dubbing himself "Yukon Gabe" in the photo caption.

The company left it to the contestants and their friends to drum up online votes. One person could vote once a day for the next six weeks.

At the end of that time, the top five vote-getters would become the finalists at a big trade show in Salt Lake City, where people would vote in person to select a winner.

For six weeks Perkins Facebooked and Tweeted friends and acquaintances to vote for him.

"I really chatted it up on Facebook," he said.

He had a hard-core following locally of about a dozen people who voted for him regularly, he said.

On the company Facebook page, Yukon Charlie's showed the ranked order of the roughly 20 contestants each day according to votes, but did not show the number of votes.

Gabe consistently appeared in the top three, who shuffled among themselves as the days went by.

By mid-January, "I had the most votes going into Salt

Lake City," he said.

The trade show took place Jan. 21.

"I was gone for the weekend, but I was monitoring it on Facebook," he said.

Finally, after the show ended at 5 p.m. Utah time, the company posted the results: "We're excited to announce our official winner: Gabe Perkins, aka Yukon Gabe!"

Posted Gabe: "That's me! Thanks, everyone, who put up with 6 weeks of dogged Facebook blasts, thanks to everyone who voted for me, and thanks to Yukon Charlie's for putting together such a cool contest."

His next task was to choose \$500 worth of snowshoe equipment. He chose three pairs of snowshoes, along with hats, gaiters, poles and carrying cases.

As coordinator for the Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation's Ski-A-Thon, Gabe has special plans for two of the items.

"I'm going to donate the snowshoes and a pair of trekking poles as a door prize," he said.

Gabe said he was "humbled" to win the contest, and he's glad he carried on the family tradition.

But, he admits, "I'd rather look like Yukon Charlie than Homer Simpson."

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## Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The annual Great Backyard Bird Count takes place Feb. 17-20. The bird count helps define bird ranges, migration pathways, populations, and habitat needs for almost 600 species of birds in the United States and Canada. Anyone can participate in the bird count simply by watching and counting birds for at least fifteen minutes on any day of the count. You don't need to register to participate and your results can be submitted online. Last year more

than 92,000 bird checklists were submitted with 11.4 million birds observed. In Maine bird watchers submitted 861 checklists with 99 species observed. For information about the Great Backyard Bird Count, go to [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org) or call Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop in South Portland at 771-2473.

The 2012 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Campaign begins this week. Because of the current economic crisis, the society needs our donations more than ever. Contributions raised through the sale of daffodils enable the society to offer free programs and services that help people fight cancer by providing day-to-day help, emotional support, and 24-hour information to help ease the cancer experience. Daffodil contributions also provide money for research and education about early cancer detection. Daffodil Days offers a variety of daffodils. For \$10, donors receive a bouquet of 10 fresh blossoms. For \$15, donors receive three-mini daffodil bulbs in a soil-filled pot. For a \$25 contribution, you can choose from three items: a bouquet of 10 daffodils and a Boyd's collectible bear; the Gift of Hope, which is a bouquet of daffodils delivered to a person receiving treatment; or Bear Hugs for Hope, which is a Special Edition bear delivered to a child who has been affected by cancer. If you have questions or want to pre-order any item, call 824-3226. Pre-orders must be called in by March 2.

## OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Wednesday, Feb. 8

At 7:26 a.m. Deputies Willie Nelson and Bruce Korhonen responded to Route 26 to take a report of an assault, but the subject said she was too busy to provide a statement.

At 6:39 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson received a report of a vehicle tailgating on Vernon Street.

Thursday, Feb. 9

At 9:55 a.m. a caller on Church Street reported a theft. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 10:55 a.m. Cpl. Brian Landis received a stopped school bus complaint.

At 3:36 p.m. a subject was called to a vehicle off the road at the intersection of Intervale and Taylor Woods roads, and believed an officer's report would be needed. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

Friday, Feb. 10

At 10:54 a.m. Capt. Hart Daley did a background check on the Intervale Road for a weapons permit.

At 1:31 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis took a report of a theft on the Mayville Road.

Saturday, Feb. 11

At 6:50 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch investigated a marijuana use complaint on the Parkway.

At 8:46 a.m. a traffic stop on Route 26 by Deputy Josh Wyman and Cpl. Justin Brown resulted in Ryan D. Kane, 20, of Scarborough being summonsed for possession of marijuana.

At 8:58 a.m. a traffic stop by Cpl. Justin Brown on Route 26 led to Alex Pelletier, 25, of Saco being summonsed for possession of marijuana.

At 9:04 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman, Deputy Dani Welch and Cpl. Chancey Libby conducted a traffic detail on Route 26.

At 8:36 p.m. a caller was concerned about an individual seemingly checking out a closed business on Mayville Road. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

Sunday, Feb. 12

At 3:46 p.m. a hospital called about an individual being treated who reported having been assaulted. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 7:53 p.m. a caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Route 26 southbound. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned and agencies on Route 26 were also advised.

## East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



It seems that there isn't much happening at this time in the neighborhood. Hopefully next week I will have more news to share as I had expected an e-mail which hasn't come in yet.

Last Friday Crescent Park School had a Valentine's Dance for the kids. My grandson, Boden, came home all excited as he was crowned the King of the Dance.

Here is the answer to the Trivia. I think you will enjoy it best in its entirety and I quote: "Deacon Joseph Holt on Swan's Hill had an underpass built to connect two pastures, that his animals might rove freely from one side of the road to the other. When the job was nearly done he stood one day, watching from the sidelines. 'That hole's too narrow,' he declared. 'My cows can't get through.' 'Can't get through,' cried the mason, who was also the deacon's neighbor. 'I'll bet I can drive my oxen through that gap!' 'I'll bet you five dollars you can't," piped the deacon. And there the matter rested until the last sod was in place. Then the stone-mason hitched up his clever oxen facing opposite ways in the yoke. Thus proceeding, one advancing and one backing, they easily went under the pass. The deacon paid the five dollars."

As usual I will ask you to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail [han@megalink.net](mailto:han@megalink.net) with news, questions and information. I hope everyone had a nice Valentine's Day and would love to hear about it. Have a great week.

Gilead  
By LIN CHAPMAN



The weather was nice enough this past week for the little chipmunk to come out and gather some seeds. He has to compete with the little

birds and a few Blue Jays that come each day. The most competition comes from the six or seven gray squirrels that hang around most of the morning, and I do mean hang around. They jump on the feeder and swing back and forth.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house this past weekend and brought in a couple of new tools to show Hugh that he recently bought. One was a fancy pipe wrench and the other was an electrical tester.

Steve and Lise McLain went to the Chocolate Festival last Sunday with Brad McLain, Carole Mason, Ryan Seames and Emily Philbrick.

Our son, Chris Chapman, will be celebrating his birthday on Feb. 21. Happy Birthday, Chris.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Citizen's dinner in Bethel last Wednesday and donated a handmade blue and white porcelain necklace as a fundraiser for the club. She visited her father, Gerard Dupont, at Ledgewood last Sunday.

Hugh and I made a trip to the hospital in Norway last week so he could do some routine blood work. I made the comment as we were walking past the cafeteria that we usually run into somebody that we know. Sure enough, Ernest and Alberta Angevine were having lunch after an appointment. While we were talking to them, Donnie Katlin came in, so we had a chance to find out that he is doing quite well. After a short visit with them we went to the lab and saw Beverly Bennett and her granddaughter, Amanda Johnson. We thought that we certainly had seen about as many Gilead/Bethel area people as usual, but we were wrong. We decided to stop at Market Square Restaurant and as we were getting ready to leave, Leslie Moore and Lisa Farrar Fox came in. I warned all of them that I would be including them in my column.

We were discussing the 'I Grew Up in Bethel' Facebook page with Leslie and Lisa. They have checked it out. Last I looked, there were 259 members and big fans of the page. There are a lot of great pictures and stories from all

sorts of people that still live in Bethel and those that have moved away.

We went to Bridgton Friday night to pick up our grandchildren, William and Annie. They waited at our house for their dad to come and pick them up to spend the weekend with him. They were excited about Valentine's Day at school. Annie was having a party and had been writing out cards.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail [chapman@hotmail.com](mailto:chapman@hotmail.com).

## Andover

By JANE RICH



Those of us who attended the performance of "Love Letters" on Saturday night enjoyed ourselves and give great kudos to Steve Sessions and Sharon Hutchins who played the writers of the love letters exchanged from the time they were in grammar school until late in life. To add to the great performance, intermission found all of us feasting on an array of chocolate desserts including a chocolate fountain with strawberries. This is the first time in many years that a play has been performed in the Town Hall. Following the event, I heard several people say they hoped there would be more such events.

Do you care about preserving the Andover that was for the Andover that is to come? Perhaps you should consider joining the Andover Historical Society. The society has a building next to the Town Hall where many documents and artifacts are stored that link us with the past Andover. Traditionally, the building is open for Olde Home Day when they host the annual flower show. The past couple of years another open house day has occurred. The society also owns the East Andover School House which appears as it was when it served as one of the school districts in the town. If you're interested in histo-

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ry and preserving it, please contact Bev Swan at 392-4742 or Norma Farrington at 392-2652 as new members are needed to continue the work which has been begun. Future plans include spiffing up the building this spring.

There will be a bake sale on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. In addition to the great baked goods from Andover's best kitchens, you will also be able to purchase baked beans for your Saturday evening supper.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers invites you to join in Family Fun Day, which will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse, off Route 5 and on ITS 82, Andover. Bring your sleds, toboggans, snowboards and slide the "big hill," groomed smooth by our Tucker trail groomer. Promises to be a fun day and a free lunch will be offered to all attending hotdogs, chips, drink and cookies. Moms, dads, grands please come too!

Needless to say the lack of snow has disappointed a lot of people from "down country" who have journeyed here to ride and we note that most of them have used Andover as a jumping off place to go to Eustis and Rangeley where there is more snow.

Our sympathy is extended to Brad and Elissa Thibodeau and family in the loss of their son, Nathaniel.

## Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



Greetings from the very cold and windy foothills of Albany. A beautiful sunny day but very frigid.

We are not used to this type of weather; we will just have to wait until tomorrow when the temps go back up! Norma Salway, Dottie Adams and Amy Davis called on Barbara Ferguson at her new residence on the Main Street of Fryeburg, Maine, on Thursday afternoon.

Norma Salway and Evelyn Kimball attended the Chocolate Festival at the Bethel Inn Conference Center.

Justin Barton will leave tomorrow for Fort Sills, Okla., for basic training then on to Arizona for schooling. The family had a gathering at his parents' home, James and Dolly Barton, last evening.

We wish Justin well with his new endeavors. I am sure he will be missed at Melbys.

David Bennett spent the weekend with me helping to rearrange furniture and set up my sewing room. We played a lot of cribbage and I did not fair too well. You just can't beat twenty four hands and lots of double runs.

One more week and it will be February vacation. Give us all a break and I am sure the students are looking forward to it. Hope everyone is well and has managed to escape the nasty virus that has invaded our schools and surrounding areas. Have a good week everyone.

## Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Ladies Aid Association will host a pizza party Saturday, Feb. 18. The pizza should be ready by 5 p.m. The Ladies will serve breakfast Sunday 8 to 11 a.m. They have their meetings every Friday, 10 a.m. in Leslie's home.

Carol and Charlie are having a sliding party at their home Friday, Feb. 17, starting at 4:30 p.m. (In last week's column I incorrectly wrote that it would be Saturday evening, Feb. 18. I apologize for my mistake.) They will serve hotdogs, chili and other foods.

The M.S.A. magazine requires all club news be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to publication. This is approximately a three-week time span. The Bethel Citizen requests that they have news items no later than 4:30 p.m. on Mondays for the Thursday paper of the same week. I wonder why there is such a difference in the time required.

I have managed, by one means or another, to put most of my snowplowing equipment out of commission. I hope I can get something operating before "the big one" hits us.

Neil and I rode 80 miles or so Saturday. The Upton trails and the trails we rode in New Hampshire were all well groomed and great riding. Thank-you to all you hard-working people who groom and maintain the trails. You are appreciated.

It is three degrees below zero here and the wind is howling as I am writing this at 6 p.m. Sunday. I think it's going to be chilly by morning.

Our condolences to Leslie Aron, Wayne Svendberg, and all members of Wayne Svendberg elder's family.

Please contact me with your news by calling 533-2010, or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com

## Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Has felt like March with the warmth and sun recently. That inevitable sign of spring, potholes, is making an early entrance as well.

Another sign of spring is the annual budget meetings at the town office. The Greenwood Selectmen and the Budget Committee met this past week for the first go-round on the budget. Budget Committee members are Brian Dunham, Fran Picarillo, Loretta Mikols, Larry Merlino, and Bill Bickford.

At this point, a number of large items do not as yet have budget numbers. That will come with future meetings. A key focus of this first meeting was the 30 percent increase in the Greenwood Fire Department budget. The initial budget proposal went from the current \$64,050 to a requested \$83,510. Most of this increase was due to wages and equipment. Fire Chief Al Curtis Jr. was asked to review these numbers again for the next meeting on March 1 with the intent of lowering the requested budget.

The Town of Greenwood still maintains two fire stations with trucks. One is the main station in Locke's Mills and the other is the satellite station in Greenwood City. This is a significant taxpayer expense in part because the City station has to be heated. Over the past five years, the Locke's station has used 5,379 gallons of heating oil. The City station has burned 3,770 gallons. You can do the math to see how much it costs us taxpayers to support two stations. The possibility of having only one fire station has been visited a few times, but voters have opted to keep both open.

The good news so far on the budget is that the Highway Department budget is down mainly because we don't have to buy a new plow truck again. The transfer station budget is also down for two reasons: there is no station manager (Greenwood and Woodstock town managers are overseeing it for the short-term); and there is less trash due to the economic downturn.

The Town Office relocation appears to be getting more consideration. Town Manager Kim Sparks said she has been asked to get numbers on how much it would cost to tear down the school house and build again plus look at building on a different lot. Always good to look at all options and then make a decision.

Sympathies go out to the families of Frank Lowell and Norm Putnam. While they were not from Locke's Mills, both were very involved in the communities around here. Frank ran Western Maine Supply (as his sons continue to do) and Norm was code enforcement officer for several area towns.

If you grew up around here, there is a fun new page on Facebook called, "I Grew Up in Bethel ME." It was started by old Bethelite Norma Sloan a couple weeks ago and has well over 200 members already. It is fun to see childhood pictures of old classmates and see the names of folks you have not heard of since grade school or high school. Great pics from childhood. You'll see Brown's Variety, the Community Room, Crescent Park classmates and more. Check it out on Facebook by typing the name of the page in the Facebook search box.

There will be a potluck supper at the Locke's Mills Union Church on Route 26 Wednesday, Feb. 22, followed by a worship service to mark the beginning of Lent. Everyone is welcome.

And, last but not least, if you are looking for some community involvement, the Town of Greenwood needs two alternate members for the Planning Board as well as two alternate members for the Appeals Board. If you are a Greenwood resident and are interested, please contact Town Manager Kim Sparks at 875-2773.

You can send me news at 3tachi6@gmail.com

## Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The Hanover Board of Select Persons will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Hanover Town Office.

Residents of Hanover and other area towns who have questions about aging or disabilities have a source for help. SeniorsPlus is the Agency of Aging and Disability Resource Center serving Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. They can help with information and assistance

for Medicare, nutrition, caregiver support along with other services. Those with experience and skills can help others by contacting SeniorsPlus for volunteer opportunities. For more information contact Valerie J. Cole, Elder Services Specialist II, Oxford County at 795-4010. SeniorsPlus is funded in part by the Maine Department of Human Services.

Daren and Fran Worcester and son Wyatt visited Bill and Gail Worcester last weekend. On Saturday Daren made a solo trip up Mount Washington. He began hiking at 7 a.m. and had returned to his vehicle by 2 p.m. Several weeks earlier he hiked up Mt. Adams.

Anyone traveling around should be careful of some driveways and back roads that are covered with glare ice from recent warm daytime temperatures and cold nights. We assisted the owner of a vehicle that had slid into a snowbank and quickly pulled it back on to the road. A cold snap blew in last weekend with thermometers reaching the minus zero degree range.

Rumford Grange met on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the home of Arnold and Vicki Clark on Ellis River Road. A special meeting dinner consisting of different stews and chowders was enjoyed by everyone.

Rumford and Mexico fire departments along with Med-Care Ambulance were dispatched to a stubborn chimney fire at a home on the Howard Pond Road last Saturday. There were no reports of injuries or damage.

## Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



A couple weeks ago Mona and I were killing a little time at the Maine Mall while waiting for

Katrina's airplane to arrive. We decided to walk the corridors until time to go to the airport. We were passing a kiosk where a young fellow was selling skin creams and "stuff." He handed a small sample of skin cream to Mona and another to me. As I started to walk on by, he took me by the arm and said, "Show me your worst looking fingernail." I said, "Okay," and stuck out the index finger of my left hand, which had an ugly dark blood blister under the nail! The fellow said, "No! I can't use that one. Give me one of your thumb nails." He then proceeded to demonstrate how he could use a special abrasive pad and shine my thumb nail without using any polish. (I bought a kit for Mona.)

I've been logging down near the bank of Pleasant River the past couple weeks, or so. In the process I've created a pretty good woods road with most of the holes and bumps covered in hard-packed snow. A few days ago, Matt Ludden rode his snowmobile down my road and across the river. Trouble was, the river ice started breaking away as he drove across, leaving open water! (The water is only about a foot deep there.) I see that he made the return trip just downstream from the hole he made going across. The same thing happened as he came back across, but he again made it without getting wet. This afternoon, I walked down to the riverbank and saw snowmobile tracks to the edge of the riverbank. This time, I saw where he had turned around and returned up my woods road without crossing the river!

**More Wild Weasel:**

About the second class day during a break, we were milling around getting acquainted, when a tall, rather lanky fighter pilot introduced himself. "Hi, I'm Sam Adams, and I was wondering if you have crewed up yet?" "No, I don't really know any pilots yet." "Well, I've been flying Thuds for 4 or 5 years now, and I've been an instructor pilot for a couple years. I've flown 3 combat missions in Vietnam when I was TDY at Kadena AFB." (Okinawa). "I'm Rich Grover, and I've been a B-52 EWO for over 6 years. I was shipped down here from Castle AFB, California." "You wanna crew up with me?" "Sure. Why not?" That's about how we got "mated."

After that, we were given some time to head out to the flightline to get acquainted with the F-105F. Sam said, "The F-105 is the largest single-engine fighter aircraft the Air Force ever built. It's almost 65 feet long, just under 20 feet tall (tail), and has a wingspan of almost 35 feet. It's empty weight is just under 28,000 pounds and has a maximum takeoff weight a little over 50,000 pounds. It can carry a bomb load heavier than a B-17 bomber in WWII! The 105 was designed as a tactical fighter bomber and was built to carry a nuclear weapon in an internal bomb bay. We used to sit nuclear alert at Bitburg Air Force Base, Germany. Our mission was to blast holes through the surface to air missile barriers so you guys in heavy bombers could get through Eastern Europe and bomb Soviet Russia! The Thud has a radar navigation and bombing radar so it can complete its mission under any weather conditions, day or night."

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craft, and Sam showed me all the items to be inspected on our preflight walk-around inspections. The bomb bay doors were open, and Sam showed me the kind of bomb shaped fuel tank inside. This is the bomb bay fuel tank that we use when we're carrying "iron bombs," (conventional high explosive) That gives the aircraft quite a bit more range. There are two weapons attachment points under each wing and a larger one that attaches to the outside of the bomb doors. Usually we carry a missile or single bomb on the outboard wing stations and a 450-gallon-droppable fuel tank on each of the inboard stations. Then we carry bombs on the bomb bay door (centerline) weapons station (usually 6 each 750 pound or 500 pound bombs). Our combat loads usually bring the aircraft up to its maximum takeoff weight, (50,000 pounds). Republic Aviation always seems to build aircraft that use up all the available runway you have available, and the Thud is no different."

Sam also showed me the saber drain that brings the end of the fuel vent line 18 inches away from the aft fuselage so that any fuel venting overboard is dispersed far enough away from the engine exhaust flame that it won't catch fire (we hope!). The next day we EWOs were sent to the Personal Equipment section and were issued flight helmets, oxygen masks and "g-suits" compatible with the aircraft. The g-suit is similar to a close-fitting girdle with an inflatable rubber bladder and a hose-like fabric-covered tube running down the outside of each leg. Hanging down the left side of the g-suit is a fabric-covered rubber hose with a metal fitting on the end that plugs into the aircraft side console. When the aircraft is put into a sharp turn or pulls out of a dive which exert "g forces" on the aircraft, air is pumped through the rubber hose inflating the bladder in the g-suit. The harder the turn, the higher the "g forces." This exerts pressure against the abdomen and the legs as the rubber bladder in the g-suit inflates. A force of 1 g is the standard amount of pressure caused by the gravitational pull of the earth. 2 g's is twice as much pressure as 1 g; 3 g's is 3 times the 1 g pressure, and so forth. The higher the g force, the harder the g suit bladder is inflated. This helps crew members resist the tendency to get "tunnel vision" or to black when they experience heavy "g" maneuvers. After receiving our PE, we

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### So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good morning, it's a beautiful, sunny morning here with 24 degrees and blue skies.

This has been a busy week for us. The band entertained at the Odd Fellows home last Saturday, then on Monday we drove to Newport and Corinna to visit with friends. Wednesday afternoon we entertained at the Vet's Home for the residents, and Thursday we entertained the residents at Sandy River.

We are off to say our last good-byes to our dear friend, Bill Giasson. Bill lost his battle with cancer last week. Bill is now singing on the big stage in heaven with all the great country singers who have passed before him.

Congratulations to our son Craig and April (Paine) on their recent engagement. Wishing you both the best always!

Condolences to the families of Bill Giasson, Amanda Purington, Nelson O. Smith, and Sharlene Brown. Love and prayers to each family on their recent loss.

Get well wishes are going out to Ginger Mae, Bob Thibodeau and others who are not feeling quite up to par these days.

Received a nice letter from Judy Rollins and Aubrey Farrington this week. Thanks Judy, I will keep Aubrey in mind to do one of the shows this summer.

Ruthie Dragon has gone to Florida for on vacation hope you have some warmer weather.

Well, this is gonna be a real short column this week, but I did want to get it in for those who look for the news every week.

That's all from the valley this

week. Have a great weekend stay well.

### Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Saturday, Feb. 4. General business was discussed. It was

voted to have the March meetings on March 3 and 17 at 10 a.m. at the Grange Hall with a potluck dinner. The apple turnover cooking contest will be held on the last meeting in March, using your own recipes. The program was by Bertha DeHaas, favorite Valentine memory, song "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," reading by Bertha "Grandma's Treasured Valentine," reading "A Valentine Prayer" by Richard Felt, Richard played his harmonica, reading by Peggy Blake "A Winter Valentine," closing thought, song "Sing Your Way Home." The program was followed by a potluck dinner.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6, prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 6:30. Ladies, the Portland Flower Show is on Saturday, March 10.

Please see Beth Hoover if interested. New England Ladies Conference is April 13 and 14 at Victory Baptist Church, Londonderry, N.H. Please see Paula Jones if interested. Keep the week of April 22 through 25 open as Dr. Ron Caudill will be here for revival services.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met Feb. 2 at the Town Conference Room. Neil Olson spoke to the group before the meeting. It was very interesting. The next meeting March 1 is at Ledgeview Living Center. Dinner will be put on by Ledgeview and the program music by Richard Felt. Dinner is \$7.

### Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



What a cold few days it has been. Although not more than a pittance of the white stuff fell, it sure has felt

like winter with cold temperatures augmented by wind chill factors that carried it below zero. I know we've all been spoiled by the unnaturally warm winter, but the sudden onset of cold without letting us break into it slowly is hard on one's body. I do believe that is why so many

## Bethel Veterans' Monument List

The Veteran's Monument Names Committee (VMNC) and the Bethel Citizen are currently publishing the names of Veterans from World War I and who went in from the towns of Albany, Bethel, Grafton or Mason in 2 parts. Based on the information acquired to date through the Maine Archives, the Mundt Allen Post #81 and other sources, the following veterans should be included on the Veteran's Honor Roll for the Town. All names have been cross checked to their headstone for the correct spelling of the name. The VMNC would like citizens to look at these names and let them know if there should be any additions or deletions or information added to this list, and if so, the documentation that would back up this request. Other wars will be published in upcoming issues. Listed below are names and the cemetery of burial.

### Part 1

#### World War I - July 28, 1914 - November 11, 1918

Kimball Ames, Riverside; Roland E. Annis, Mid Intervale; Ivan W. Arno, cemetery unknown; Chester H. Bean, Bryant Pond; Frank A. Bean, Herbert R. Bean, Riverside; Wesley V. Bean Sr., So. Bethel; Bert L. Bennett, Pine Grove; Harold F. Bennett, Mt. Will; Henry S. Bennett, Riverside; Ernest F. Bisbee, W. Paris; Leslie C. Blake, Ralph L. Blake, cemetery unknown; George Blowers, Mid Intervale; Dana Grover Brooks, Riverside; Ademar R. Brown, Edward H. Brown, Harry C. Brown, Ara P. Burgess, Lester M. Burhoe (all cemeteries unknown); Albert Burke, Riverside; Alvin E. Chapman, Mt. Will; Perry A. Chapman, Harry E. Chase, cemetery unknown; Forest S. Churchill, Hunts Corner; Winfield Churchill, cemetery unknown; Leslie H. Coburn, Woodland; Cecil F. Conrad, Riverside; Archie R. Cummings, Bryant A. Cummings, cemetery unknown; Chester F. Cummings, Mid Intervale; Hermon H. Cummings, Hunts Crnr; Ray A. Cummings, Roy I. Cummings, Riverside; Leslie G. Curtin, cemetery unknown; Philip Wayning Daye, Riverside; Charles P. Deegan, Joseph M. Deegan, cemetery unknown; Raymond Dexter, Riverside; Errol O. Donahue Sr., So. Bethel; John C. Downs, Andrew J. Eastman, cemetery unknown; Claude A. Goddard, Gard M. Goddard, Riverside; Daniel Godfrey, Woodland; Ray S. Gould, Hunts Crnr; Bert S. Grover, Riverside; William J. Hadakin, William K. Hall, cemetery unknown; Edgar L. Hollowell, Riverside; Worley C. Hancock, Pine Grove; John M. Harrington, cemetery unknown; Paul B. Head, Pine Grove; Edward N. Holder, Winfield S. Howe, Riverside; Vivian F. Hutchins, Curtis P. Hutchinson, cemetery unknown; Raymond H. Jackson, Woodland; Norman H. Jodrey, cemetery unknown; Guy Johnson, James Johnston, Riverside; and Vernon G. Judkins, Hunts Corner.

Readers who have further information are asked to contact a member of the committee by March 2. Mail or e-mail changes to: Jane Ryerson, P.O. Box 152, Bethel, ME 04217, carjar95@megalink.net, or call 207-357-2772; or to Ramona Grover, 183 Kings Highway, Mason Township, ME 04217, rlgx2@megalink.net, or call 207-836-2802.

have winter colds and worse. I try to dress to accommodate the weather, but it changes SO quickly during the day that it is hard to plan ahead and bring the appropriate clothes when leaving the house.

Although loving the warm, sunny afternoons, the zero degree and colder mornings makes one dress too warmly or if leaving for wherever at noon not bringing a warm enough jacket to accommodate the dropping late afternoon temps. It hasn't been uncommon for the temperature to vary 40 degrees or more. Not complaining, actually like the cold mornings turning into warm sunny mid-days. When I leave for the day, I dress in layers and shed as I go. Then I put them back on as it gets colder again. By 8 p.m. it is not usually as cold as it was at 8 a.m. That is occurring after most of us have gone to bed. I always feel warmer as the day goes on. First thing in the morning after being inactive all night, I tend to be at my lowest. Of course it couldn't have anything to do with low blood sugar and the fire having gone out, but February is not the warmest month. That being said, when I finish here, I think I may go and revive the fire as no one else has bothered.

Hope all had a great Valentine's Day. For me it is all about chocolate which I am

avoiding as much as possible. A hard trick for a chocoholic. Hope all had a great time. I used to buy/send all my girlfriends cards so they wouldn't feel left out if they had no significant other or the one they did have was a deadbeat and hadn't bought them a card or gift. Now I am resigned to it just being a Hallmark holiday. Still it is always nice to get flowers and cards.

Thursday, Feb. 16, ACA will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. We are still discussing step 10. Join us. FMI call 739-9115.

Monday, the 20th, President's Day and the start of School Vacation. Be prepared for young people on the roads.

Monday, the Knitting Group will meet 2 to 4 p.m. at Bethel Library. Open to all levels of knitters. FMI call the library at 583-2050. The library is also open during those hours for people to visit and take out books.

Last Sunday, fellow poet Eric Dibner had a reading at the Casco Library. He read from the joint poetry and art book that he and Om Devi produced. The art work was nice and the reading excellent. Many of our Mountain Poets group attended. That is a newer and really nice library.

That is all for this week. Stay warm and healthy and drive carefully.

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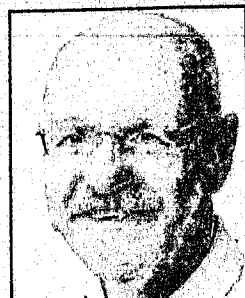
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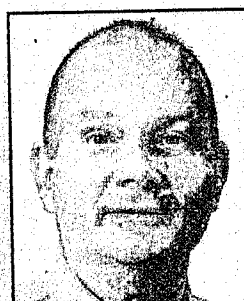


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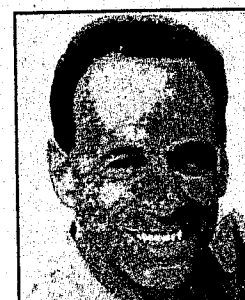


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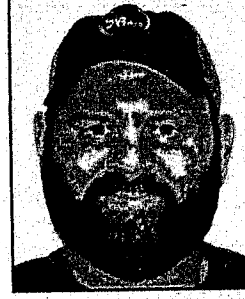
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# Sports



**GATECRASHERS**—The Telstar High School Ski Teams competed last week in the Mountain Valley Conference Championships at Black and Titcomb mountains. On Saturday, the alpine teams raced in the slalom competition at Titcomb. Above, the Rebel boys' Cody Boivin placed sixth. Below, Telstar senior Adam Mahar was the individual champion in both the freestyle and classical cross-country races. Here, he nears the finish in Saturday's classical race at Titcomb. For complete results for alpine and cross-country, go to [www.mainehighschoolsailing.com/pb/wp\\_e3d9bae6/wp\\_e3d9bae6.html](http://www.mainehighschoolsailing.com/pb/wp_e3d9bae6/wp_e3d9bae6.html). For more photos, go to [www.bethelcitizen.com/sports](http://www.bethelcitizen.com/sports). (Photos: A. Aloisio)



## High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Valley 57, Telstar 47; Feb. 8-Telstar stats: Nick Mills 17 points, Dom Haines 9, Corey Howard 9.

Hall-Dale 71, Telstar 50; Feb. 6-Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 19 points, Corey Howard 12.

## High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Mt. Valley 43, Telstar 11; Feb. 8-Telstar stats: Rick James 4 points, Joseph Putnam 3.

Hall-Dale 35, Telstar 25; Feb. 6-Telstar stats: Maverik Griffin 10 points, Rick James 4, Austin Ryerson 4.

## High School Alpine Skiing

**Mountain Valley Conference Championships: Giant Slalom at Black Mt., Feb. 8**—Although the girls' team has been plagued by injuries, Rachel Wheeler turned in a good performance with a 5th place finish. Anna Tyrina continued to improve her skills and placed 13th. The boys team struggled to stay up, but was led by a 4th place finish by Cody Boivin. Josh Head came in 11th. Greg Wheeler was 17th and Aaron Speakman kept the team in it by placing 21st. When the alpine boys' score was combined with the Nordic boys' score, Telstar found themselves in first place by 1 point for the boys' combined championship. This is an award that Telstar had only won once, back in 2001. Coach John Eliot

**Mountain Valley Conference Championships: Slalom at Titcomb Mt., Feb. 11**—The boys came into the day leading in the combined by one point, but Mt. Abram would prove to be too strong. "It wasn't meant to be. The guys struggled with the course," said Coach John Eliot. Cody Boivin turned in another good performance placing 6th. He was followed by Greg Wheeler in 16th, Anthony Dirago in 20th, and Josh Head in 21st. The girls also struggled with Rachel Wheeler placing 11th and Anna Tyrina placing 17th. "It would have been nice to bring that championship home, but that's skiing for you. Anything can happen," said Eliot. The alpine teams head to Mt. Abram next week for the Class C State Championships.

## Mt. Valley Rec Basketball

Laid Back Installers of Mexico are still the top dog in the MVR-BL. LBI, now 8-1, used scoring balance, speed and composure to overtake Bethel Bobcats (6-3) in a defensive intense game, 66-49. The winners got 19 points from Brian Canwell while Owen Jones, 16, Eric Canwell, 14 and Craig Milledge, 10, distributed the wealth. Bethel, who had their chances to pull off the upset, were led by Wade Osgood with 15 points, aided by Sean Cadigan's 12 and Ryan Savage's 11. Mt. Abram, now in sole possession of second place at 7-2, pulled away from a pesky Jay squad (3-6), who hung around for a while, 86-64. Mt. Abram got big games again from Tyler Wentworth with 27 points and Matt Newell with 23. J.T. Taylor helped with 16 and Spenser Glover chipped in with 12. Chris Baxter's 24 weren't enough for Jay to stay close in the second half, while Eric Gemelli had 13 and Zane Armandi had 12. In the final game of the day, J&G Ballers (3-6) had to go to overtime to outlast an upset minded Archies (0-9), 81-74. Archies appeared like they were going to get their first win of the season and outplayed the winners most of the game. J&G was paced by Myles Whitlock with 21, Josh Albee, 17, Jamie Downs, 16 and Joe Gaudreau, 12. Archies got a huge game from Mike Holmquist, 32 points, who was unstoppable at times. However Brett Archibald, 10, was the only other player in double figures. Sunday, Feb. 19 has Archies looking for their first win against Mt. Abram at 10 a.m. Bethel and Jay play at 11:30. LBI and J&G finish up at 1 p.m.

## "Maine National History Day" program

Once again, the Bethel Historical Society is pleased to be a supporter of the Maine National History Day Program, administered by the Maine State Archives. This year's annual educational competition for all Maine students in grades 6 through 12 will be held on Wednesday, March 28, at the University of Maine at Augusta. Each year students prepare papers, exhibits, documentaries, performances or websites that explore a broad historical theme which, this year, is "Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in History." The top two winners in each category are eligible to compete at the National competition.

National History Day teaches students research techniques that help them uncover the exciting details of history and allows them to present their knowledge in a category of their choosing. Many students become intrigued with history for a lifetime, and the Bethel Historical Society is proud to invest in these "historians of tomorrow" who may one day be operating a local/regional historical society themselves!

For organizations like the Bethel Historical Society, Maine National History Day is the perfect state-wide place to share historical resources. With the availability of laptops in schools, students can pull research material from the Internet, but local library sources and primary source materials cared for by historical societies are recognized as key to a successful project.

According to a recent evaluation study conducted by the research firm of Rockman et al, students who participate in the National History Day program score or rate higher than their peers who did not participate in the following areas: performance assessments; standardized test scores; academic performance; and interest in current events. Clearly, National History Day teaches critical thinking, writing, and research skills and boosts performance across all subjects; inspires students to achieve

## WMSC Down Home Maine

The Western Mountains Senior College will present the next in its Down Home Maine series on Feb. 28, 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Mill Hill Inn in Bethel. Leslie Anne Chatfield, MS, Mdiv, will speak on the topic of "Songs in the Key of Life." When you hear a certain song or particular songs, does your memory instantly return you to another place or time in your life? Perhaps a particular song reminds you of a significant person or a group of significant people from another time in your life. This presentation will take a look at how you can use this information in wise and wonderful ways.

Our presenter, Leslie Chatfield, is currently completing her doctoral dissertation focusing on the ways that the songs we remember over the course of our lives offer tools for meaningful reflection. In her characteristically spirited and insightful manner, Leslie will guide her audience to explore what they can learn from these songs. She grounds her material and presentation in her extensive local and national consulting work with a variety of populations, such as elders in spiritual communities, tribal elders, and groups who are engaged in the process of telling the stories of their lives. Leslie, a resident of Bethel, has worked extensively in Maine as a clinical counselor and in the United Church of Christ as a professionally trained Intentional Interim pastor.

The Down Home Maine series features unique and adventurous people from our own community. Programs are open to the public free of charge; donations are accepted to offset Senior College expenses. WMSC offers multi-session courses, workshops, outdoor activities, special events and social gatherings to members aged 50 and over. Google Western Mountains Senior College to reach our website.

# Community Calendar

**Clothing Exchange**, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090.

**Food Pantry**, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

## Third Wednesday each month

**Women's Imaging Center**, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women. FMI/appointment: 743-5993 Ext 6851. Insurances accepted and low-cost help available.

## Thursdays, Feb. 16, March 1

4 to 9 p.m. - **Free Ski/Snowboarding Nights** at Black Mountain of Maine, Rumford. Sign in at base lodge on arrival. Free tubing selected nights. FMI: 864-3977 or visit [www.SkiBlackMountain.org](http://www.SkiBlackMountain.org)

## Sundays thru March 4

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Public Skating** at Hebron Academy Robinson Arena rink. Cost: \$3 Adults/\$2 age 12 and under. Parking available in Athletic Center lot off Route 119. FMI: 966-2100 or visit [www.hebronacademy.org](http://www.hebronacademy.org)

## Sundays in February

**Free Skiing at Mt. Abram** for Greenwood school-age residents on Sundays. Program includes lessons and equipment if needed. Sign up at the Greenwood Town Office. Sign-ups are limited and are on a first come, first served basis.

## Thursdays, Feb. 16 thru April 19

6 p.m. - **Potluck Supper** at Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford.

## Thursday, Feb. 16

4 to 10 p.m. - **Benefit for Family of Kyraa Locke**, for financial hardship before and after Kyraa's death, American Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. \$5 donation at door. Special guests. Chinese Auction tickets \$1 each or six for \$5. FMI: Mel Merrill (890-3634 or Cathy and Todd Noyes (515-0256).

6 to 8 p.m. - **The Eddy's Admissions Open House**, Newry Corner. All welcome.

7 to 9 p.m. - **SWOAM** (Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine) program on services provided to landowners by foresters and forest rangers at Oxford Hills High School. Signs will be posted Free meeting open to all. FMI: Rich Merk 627-4102.

## Saturday, Feb. 18

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Bake Sale** in support of Andover Congregational Church at the church. Breads, pies, bars, desserts, baked beans. FMI: Sharon Hutchins 392-4351.

5 to 8 p.m. - **Pizza Party** planned by Upton Ladies Association.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Ventriloquist Donna Marie and friends at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under free.

## Feb. 18, March 17, April 21

9 to 12 a.m. - **Bake Sale** for Albany Congregational Church

Scholarship Fund will be held at Bethel Foodliner.

## Feb. 19 thru 24

**Maine Military Adventure Camps** for teens of military families at UMaine 4-H Camp and Learning Center, Bryant Pond. FMI: (207) 665-2068 04 e-mail extension.bryantpond@maine.edu.

## Monday, Feb. 20

12 noon - **Senior Citizens Luncheon** at Gould Academy, Ordway Hall.

## Tuesday, Feb. 21

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents AudioBody, the fusion of physical comedy and technology by Matt and Jason Tardy, at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under free.

## Monday, Feb. 22

5:30 p.m. - **Potluck Supper**, Locke's Mills Union Church. Bring dish to share and join for Ash Wednesday following. Everyone welcome.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Maine Uniform Building Codes, Energy Code and Radon Code** contractor question/answer meetings with Town Code Enforcement Officer. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Norway Town Office. All residents encouraged to attend. FMI: e-mail cejoelle@hotmail.com

## Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25

**Preparing for Birth class**, Friday 6 to 8:30 p.m./Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Harper Conference Room, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Fee: \$35 (usually covered by insurance). FMI/Register 743-1562 Ext. 6951 send payment as well.

**Bethel WinterFest**, enjoy snow mountain for sledding, snowshoeing, snow groom rides, 3rd Annual Rail Jam at Mt. Abram Ski Resort, and much more. FMI visit [www.bethelwinterfest.com](http://www.bethelwinterfest.com)

## February 24, March 9, 16, 23, 30

Noon to 1 p.m. - **Community Lenten Lunch Series**, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. All invited. Soup lunch will be followed by a time of reflection. Theme: "Songs of Faith." In lieu of payment for lunch, participants asked to make donation to the Bethel Food Pantry. For further information call church office, 824-2689 or Rev. Ginger Rickeman, 824-0550.

## Saturday, Feb. 25

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Family Fun Day** by Snow Valley Sno-Gers at club house, off Route 5 and on ITS 82, Andover. Bring your sleds, toboggans, snowboards and slide the "big hill". Free lunch offered. Moms, dads, grands welcome too. FMI [snomocook@roadrunner.com](mailto:snomocook@roadrunner.com)

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Rainforest Reptile Show, Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under free.

## Monday, Feb. 27

6:30 p.m. - **Bridge Group** meets at Waterford Library. No

partner necessary. FMI: 583-2729

## Tuesday, Feb. 28

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"Songs in the Key of Life"** presentation by Leslie Anne Chatfield, MS, Mdiv, at Mill Hill Inn, Bethel, a program of the Down Home Maine Series, Western Mountains Senior College. Free, open to public, donations accepted to offset WMSC expenses. Google Western Mountains Senior College to reach the website.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Michael Miclon - Comedy on Purpose at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under free.

## Wednesday, Feb. 29

4 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden Winter Lecture Series** presents Tom York of York's Hardy Rhododendrons, Bath, to discuss rhododendrons and azaleas hardy for cold Maine gardens. FMI: [www.mclaughlingarden.org](http://www.mclaughlingarden.org)

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

## Wednesdays, Feb. 29 thru April 4

4 to 6 p.m. - **School Gardening 101, A Garden Primer**, sponsored by UMaine Cooperative Extension at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. No charge. Pre-registration required: call Extension office (743-6329) or e-mail Lesley Quick at [lesley.quick@maine.edu](mailto:lesley.quick@maine.edu)

## Friday, March 2

6 p.m. - **Potluck Dinner** for Tres Dias members/friends, Andover Congregational Church. Good food, lots of singing, worship w/Pastor Jane Rich. FMI: Shirley York 369-0575 or Sharon Hutchins 392-4351.

## Saturday, March 3

8:30 to 10 a.m. - **Infant CPR class** at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. \$10 pp with pre-registration/payment required. FMI/register: 743-1562 Ext. 6951.

## Saturdays, March 10, April 14

**Inside Yard Sales**, South Paris American Legion Post 72. To reserve a table call Jean Britton at 739-2236.

## Wednesday, March 14

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** potluck dinner/meeting at Bethel Methodist Church. Members to bring dish to share. Donation: \$3. An auction will be held for which members will bring items.

## Sunday, March 18

7:30 to 11 a.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet** served by Rotary Club of Bethel at Ordway Dining Hall, Gould Academy. Tickets: \$8 adults and \$3 for 12 and younger; advance \$7 from Club members, River View Resort, Rostay Inn, Dream Realty and Mt. Mann Jewelers. Proceeds benefit Club's community projects and scholarships.

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# Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Feb. 8 at the West Parish Congregational Church for their meeting and potluck dinner with 28 members present. President Caroline Gould conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag and singing "God Bless America." She also recited a poem.

Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell.

The door prize was won by Elizabeth Gilbert and the 50/50 raffle by Sandra Gunther.

The next meeting will be March 14 at the Bethel Methodist Church and will be a potluck dinner. Members will bring a dish to share, a donation of \$3 is requested, also there will be an auction, members will bring items for this.

Feb. 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. the ladies of the Methodist Church had their Valentine Tea.

The Senior Citizens luncheon at Gould Academy will be Feb. 20 at 12 noon in Ordway Hall.

Carol Campbell and Roberta Taylor from the Senior College put on a skit called "Jogging Along," which was enjoyed by all. Roberta then explained what the senior college was about and the different courses available to those interested, most are six weeks long.

Lise McLain made and donated a necklace which was won by Roberta Taylor.

Happy Birthday was sung to those having February birthdays: Donald Brooks, Phyllis Cross, Barbara Mahler, and Barbara Patterson; a picture was taken by Caroline Gould.

# Bethel Republicans hold caucus

The 2012 Bethel Republican Caucus was called to order at the Crescent Park School on Feb. 4 by Town Chair Dennis Doyon, who welcomed all the attendees. He called for a moment of silence in memory of Nelson Smith and led the caucus in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then he asked for nominations for caucus chairman and Stan Howe was elected. Sarah Tucker was also elected caucus secretary. It was voted to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the parliamentary procedure reference and the current by-laws were re-affirmed. Becky Kendall announced that the State Convention would be on May 5 and 6 in Augusta.

Those selected as Delegates and Alternates would need to pay the \$25 fee in advance. Delegates elected were Becky Kendall, Harry and Alice Faulkner, Dorothy Bartlett, Bettyann Hastings, Chris Lee, Andrew Whitney, Sarah Tucker, Arlan and

Eleanor Jodrey, and Jarrod Crockett. Alternates selected were Karen Brown-Mohr, Paige Crockett, Richard Begin, Sandra Seaver, Drew Webster, Rick Whitney and Stan Howe. Jarrod Crockett was elected as Delegation Chair with authorization to fill any vacancies in the Bethel delegation to the State Convention. Bettyann Hastings and Dorothy Bartlett were re-elected as the Bethel delegates to the County Committee. The existing slate of Town Committee officers were re-elected: Dennis Doyon, chair; Sarah Tucker, vice chair; Stan Howe, secretary; Becky Kendall, treasurer. Eleanor Brooks, Jane Vogt, Muriel Butters, Pauline Davis, Esther Wilson, Alice Faulkner, Henry Messier, Sandra Seaver, Edie Okenquist, Richard Begin, Ann Crockett and Karen Brown-Mohr were selected as ballot clerks.

Becky Kendall presented the Treasurer's Report and the caucus approved \$50 for an ad in the state convention program. Several candidates for re-election were present and introduced and made brief remarks. They included Steve Merrill, Oxford County Commissioner seeking a fifth term, and Representative Jarrod Crockett, seeking a third term. Various members of the caucus spoke in favor of particular presidential candidates. The presidential straw poll resulted in the following results: Gingrich 8, Paul 4, Romney 9 and Santorum 0.

# Democrats welcome candidates

The Oxford County Democrats welcomed several of the US Senate contenders for the Democratic Party nomination at an Old Fashioned Beef Stew Supper held on Feb. 2 at the Eagles Hall in Rumford. Former Secretary of State Matt Dunlap, State Senator Cynthia Dill, and Rep. Jon Hincin all made their case for support to the crowd of nearly 50 in attendance. James Tierney also spoke but has since ended his campaign. Local elected officials and candidates in attendance included Senator John Patrick, Rep. Matt Peterson, Rep. Sheri Briggs, County Treasurer Roy Gedat, Jane Rich, candidate for County Commissioner, Mike Broderick, candidate for legislature in District 91. Former legislators Senator Bruce Bryant, Rep. Tim Carter, and Rep. Robert Duplessie attended. Greg Olson, campaign manager for Congressman Mike Michaud, spoke delivering greetings from the Congressman, and stating that the campaign is working on a number of events in Oxford County in the coming months.

On Feb. 4, the Oxford County

Democrats had a table at the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce annual dinner at Hebron Academy. Congressman Michaud attended with his staff person for Oxford County Andrea Quaid. Others participating were Senator John Patrick and Claire Patrick, County Treasurer Roy Gedat, Dennise Whitley of Norway, candidate for Senate District 13, and Oxford County Democratic Chair Cathy Newell of Greenwood.

Plans for the Democratic Party Caucuses in Oxford County have been completed. A list of times, locations and convenors is available on the Maine Democratic Party website, [www.mainedems.org/caucus/](http://www.mainedems.org/caucus/) and on the Oxford County Democrats website, [www.oxforddems.org](http://www.oxforddems.org).

The caucuses are open to registered Democrats and will feature presidential preference voting, organizing town and county committees, supporting Democratic candidates, and electing delegates to the state convention in June. Absentee ballots may be downloaded at [www.mainedems.org/caucus/](http://www.mainedems.org/caucus/) and must be returned by Feb. 22. In the case of a weather cancellation, caucuses will be rescheduled prior to March 11. Many of the Democratic candidates for legislature in Oxford County are running as Maine Clean Election candidates. They need to collect \$5 contributions to qualify and it is possible to contribute to this effort online by visiting the Maine Ethics Commis-

# SR Primetime Ski Club

Eighteen skiers recently returned home from an exciting week at Aspen/Snowmass, during Primetime's annual western mountains trip.

This winter's limited snowfall affected there as well, but that didn't stop club members from finding fresh powder on the groomers, in the woods and on the expert double black trails at 11,000-plus feet. Everybody had a great time. If you didn't go and feel you missed out, don't despair, we'll be doing a similar trip again next year.

Those who stayed here had some pretty wonderful conditions as well. Whatever Sunday River has been doing, they're doing an incredible job. I'm guessing someone at SR has found a magic potion for snowmaking and grooming which doesn't require the natural stuff. Most groomed trails are incredible at 9 a.m., really good at noon and still okay toward the end of the day. If you require glades, bumps, or ungroomed surfaces, you need to put in a good word with Mom Nature to help us out. With the outstanding conditions, Primetime is seeing more and more old and new friends

up at the 10 a.m. meetings. Nobody wants to stay long, just check in and find ski buddies for the day. Those wearing Primetime badges sometimes get a surprise, so put that badge on. Next week many Primetime's take the week off and allow what we hope are thousands of others to flock to "our" mountain and experience the great fun and wonderful skiing Sunday River provides. The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over. They meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily ski groups

based on ability, terrain, and social aspects. Info at [www.primetimeskiclub.com](http://www.primetimeskiclub.com).

# Waterford Library bridge

The Waterford Library sponsors an informal bridge group that meets at the library the fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting is on Monday, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. No partner is necessary. Players with a basic knowledge of bridge are welcome. The goal is to have fun and learn from each other. For more information call 583-2729.

# Socrates Café

A Socrates Café gathering will be held at the Waterford Library on Monday, March 5, from 6:30-8:30. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere, where divergent views will be welcome.

The topic for the March meeting will be "Cooperativism: An Alternative to Capitalism?" The moderator will be Ed Somers. For more information call 583-6957 or e-mail the library at [wla@waterford.lib.me.us](mailto:wla@waterford.lib.me.us)

# Church Services

## BETHEL Bethel Alliance Church

- Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. FMI: 824-2289.

**Bethel Church of the Nazarene** - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

**Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows** - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

**Episcopal House Church** - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

**West Parish Congregational** - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

**United Methodist** - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

**West Bethel Union** - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

**Pleasant Valley Bible** - Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday

School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 824-2037 or 836-3763.

**Church of Christ** - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

**Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship**: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

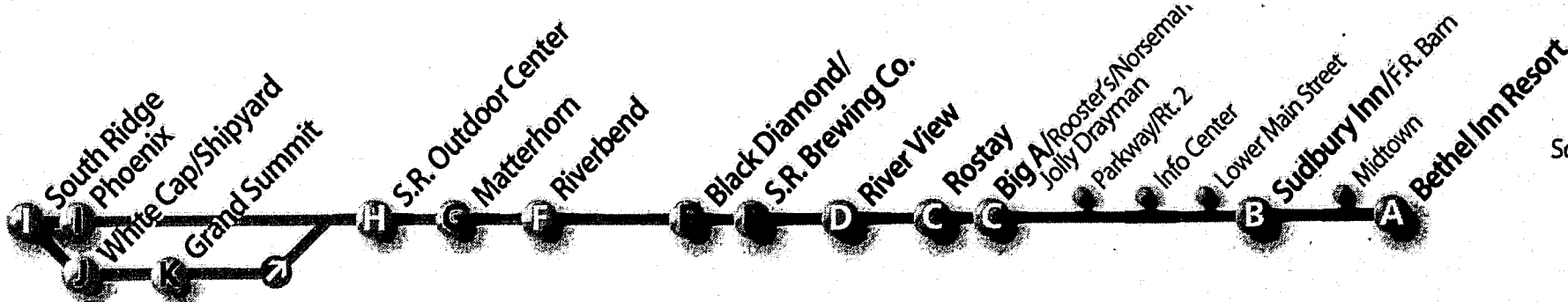
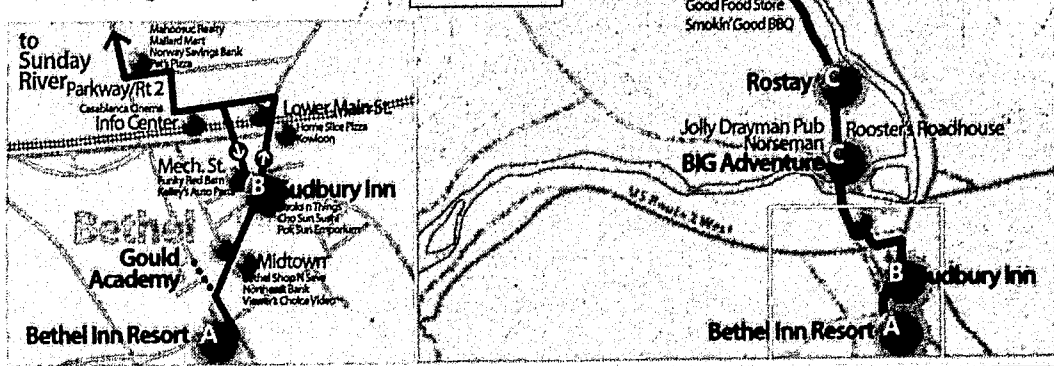
**Church of the White Cloud Outreach Healing Ministries**-Mail Blessings Study Course; phone requests prayerline. Missionnet Paula Ewing 824-2782. Jesus is a Friend.

# Mountain Explorer Timetable

## Winter 2011-2012

Mountain Explorer passengers have access to the free Sunday River shuttle services going to Barker Lodge, Grand Summit Hotel or Jordan Hotel.

Mountain Explorer passengers wishing to use the free Sunday River Shuttle service will need to transfer at the South Ridge Base Lodge.



## Legend

Scheduled Stop After 5 PM Only Flag Stop

## Bethel to Sunday River

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
BETHEL INN	SUDBURY INN	BIG A	RIVER VIEW	BREW DIAMOND	RIVER BEND	MATTER HORN	SR OUT-DOOR	SOUTH RIDGE	WHITE CAP	GRAND SUMMIT
6:30	6:32	6:38	6:42	—	6:45	—	6:48	6:55	—	—
6:55	6:57	7:03	7:07	—	7:10	—	7:13	7:20	—	—
7:25	7:27	7:33	7:37	—	7:40	—	7:43	7:50	—	—
7:50	7:52	7:58	8:02	—	8:05	—	8:08	8:15	—	—
8:20	8:22	8:28	8:32	—	8:35	—	8:38	8:45	—	—
8:50	8:52	8:58	9:02	—	9:05	—	9:08	9:15	—	—
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## Sunday River to Bethel

I	J	K	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A
SOUTH RIDGE	WHITE CAP	GRAND SUMMIT	SR OUT-DOOR	MATTER HORN	RIVER BEND	BREW DIAMOND	RIVER VIEW	BIG A	MECH. ST	BETHEL INN
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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

X I B U   Q B S U Z   H B N F T   E P

S B C C J U T   M J L F   U P   Q M B Z ?

N V T J D B M   I B S F T .

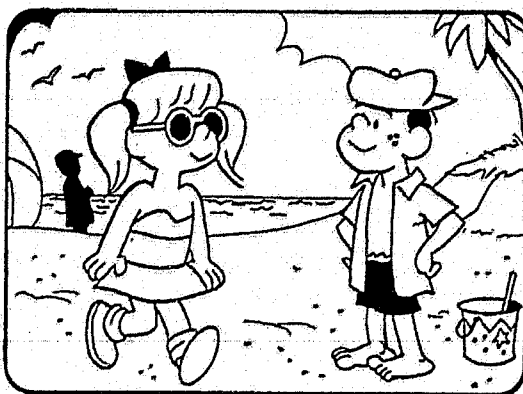
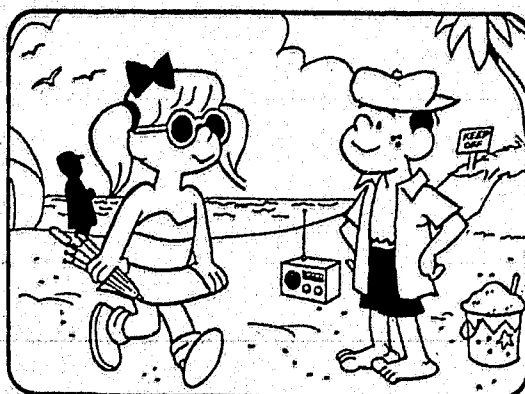
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## HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



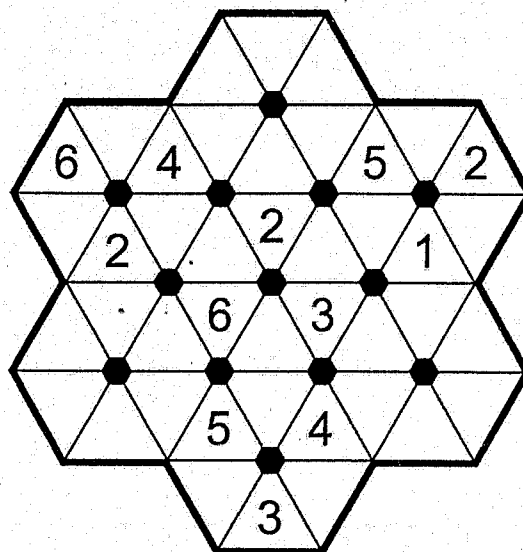
Differences:  
1. Sign is missing. 2. Umbrella is missing. 3. Radio is missing. 4. Trunks are shorter. 5. Bow is missing. 6. Fall sand is missing.

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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

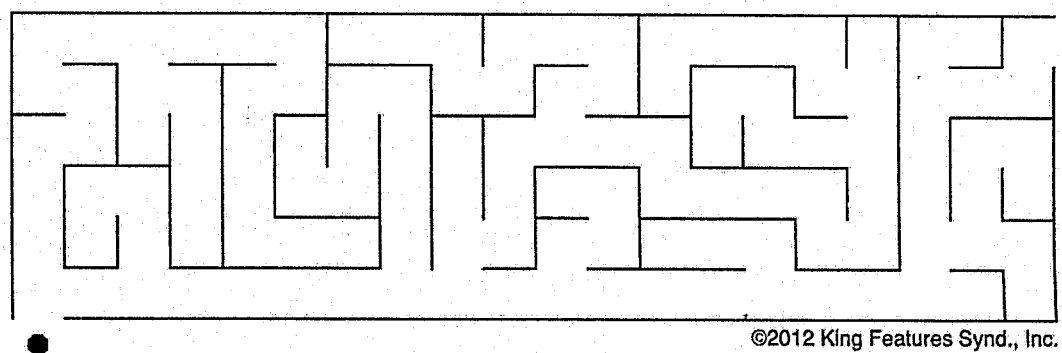


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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## Kids' Maze

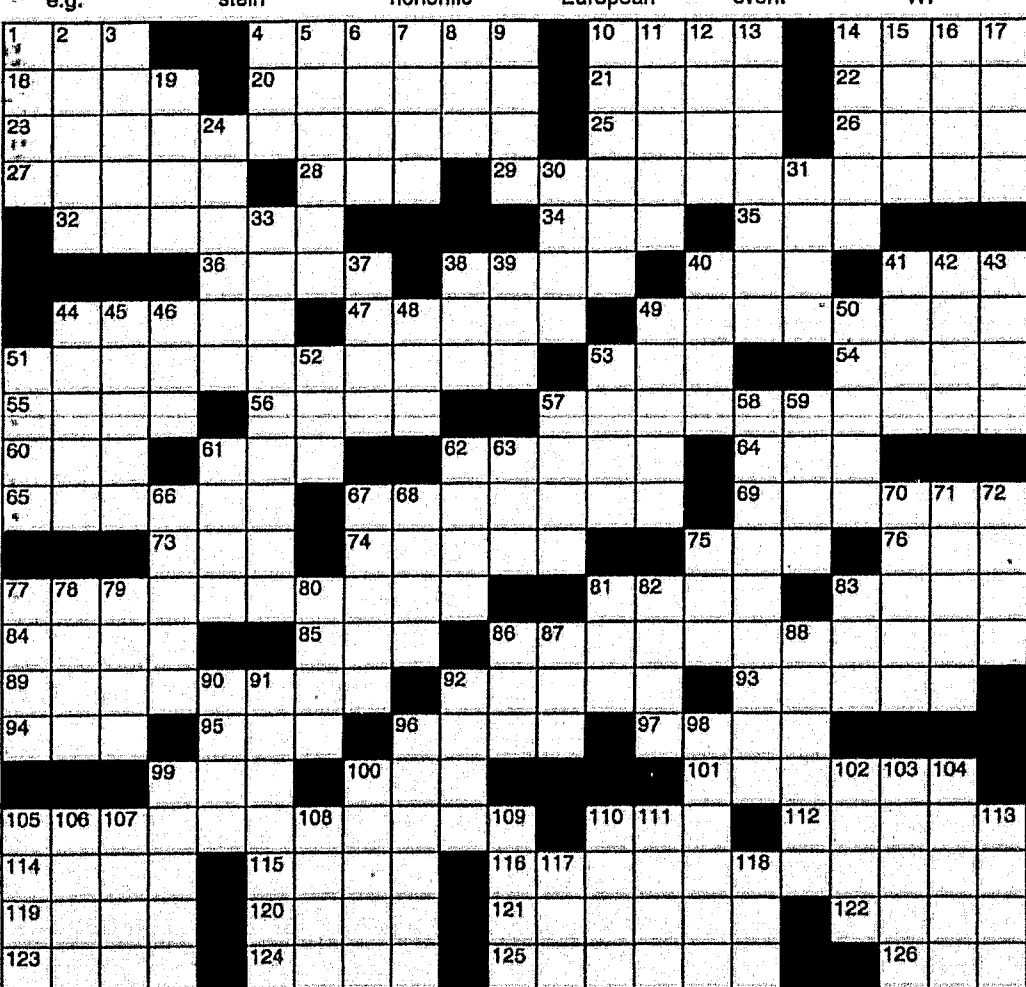


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## Super Crossword

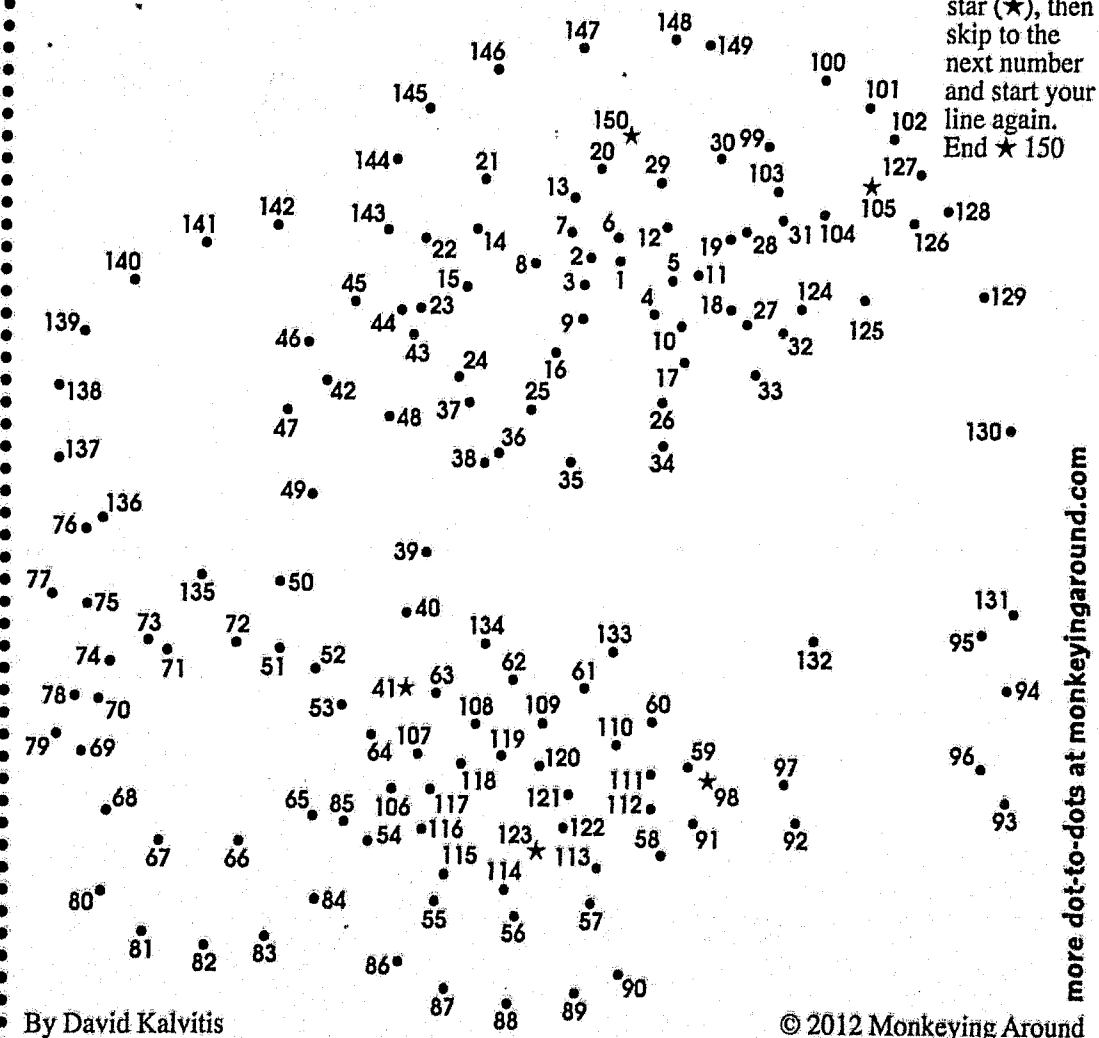
ALL MINE

- |                               |                         |                             |                        |                               |                        |                        |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                 | 51 Music center         | 93 Raplor feature           | <b>DOWN</b>            | 1 Drill                       | 41 Author Morrison     | 78 Heavenly headgear   |
| 1 Start to cry?               | 53 Southern st.         | 94 Triumphed                | 2 Singer               | 2 accessories                 | 42 Spring bloom        | 79 Dash                |
| 4 Representations             | 54 "I'm working"        | 95 Waugh's "The Loved"      | 3 Tessie               | 3 Upright                     | 43 Legend              | 80 Health measure?     |
| 10 One of a pair              | 55 Marathon             | 96 Wish                     | 4 Metric start         | 4 Pizarro's victims           | 44 Frank book          | 81 Buddy               |
| 14 Equipment                  | 56 "— biñi"             | 97 Cows and books           | 5 5th                  | 46 Mimic                      | 45 Pizarro's add-on    | 82 Fateful 15th        |
| 18 "It a Ply?" ("70 song)     | 57 He devours           | 98 Canonized                | 6 — de-camp            | 48 "Treasure Island" monogram | 83 Architect's         | 83 Prune               |
| 20 Posh party                 | 58 "— blen!"            | 99 Private                  | 7 Baby beetle          | 49 Soothe                     | 86 Cyclone center      | 87 Cycled up           |
| 21 Hurler                     | 59 Baizac's "Le Pere —" | 100 Baseball's Parker       | 8 Toon cry             | 50 Like                       | 88 Stead up            | 89 Spack               |
| 22 Coax                       | 60 Moo — gal            | 101 Moses or Monet          | 9 Bird food            | 51 Rickrack, e.g.             | 90 Torpor              | 91 Cornice kin         |
| 23 Wellington's sobriquet     | 61 "Pahaw!"             | 102 Deciduous tree          | 10 Vaasal's allegiance | 52 Live and breathe           | 92 Cornice kin         | 93 Paid                |
| 25 "— Lisa"                   | 62 Composer Manuel de   | 103 Cat's dog               | 11 Smell to savor      | 53 Thin layer                 | 94 Michener opus       | 95 Extra               |
| 26 Lassie's father            | 63 "Pahaw!"             | 104 PC key                  | 12 Late-night name     | 54 Kitchen implement          | 96 Neon                | 97 Perennial           |
| 27 Austen title start         | 64 Moore or Tarbell     | 105 Rocker Rundgren         | 13 Cozy cloth          | 55 Space                      | 98 Farm features       | 99 Farm                |
| 28 CSA soldier                | 65 Occult               | 106 Dorothy's destination   | 14 Overly enthusiastic | 56 Hound's handle             | 100 Neon               | 101 Perennial          |
| 29 Oahu                       | 66 Prep school          | 107 SAT's big brother       | 15 Cleveland's lake    | 57 Mr. Diller                 | 102 Perennial          | 102 Perennial          |
| 30 feature                    | 67 Baizac's "Le Pere —" | 108 Capone feature          | 16 Akbar's city        | 58 "Gladialor" in the         | 103 Peggy              | 103 Peggy              |
| 31 Barber's "— for Strings"   | 68 "Pahaw!"             | 109 "Splendor in the Grass" | 17 Oliver              | 59 Farrow                     | 104 Naru or Willy      | 104 Naru or Willy      |
| 32 Woods' org.                | 69 "Pahaw!"             | 110 Poe character           | 18 "Salva —"           | 60 Granola fruit              | 105 Chanteuse Edith    | 105 Chanteuse Edith    |
| 33 Aye                        | 70 "Pahaw!"             | 111 Laura Bush of Olympus   | 21 "facto —"           | 61 Like some twins            | 106 Tiller             | 106 Tiller             |
| 34 Concept                    | 71 "Pahaw!"             | 112 Protected failure       | 22 Skilled             | 62 Skilled                    | 107 Cello parts        | 107 Cello parts        |
| 35 Warehouse item             | 72 "Pahaw!"             | 113 Like line wine          | 23 Shuffle-            | 63 Shuffle-                   | 108 Section            | 108 Section            |
| 36 Psychologist Bettelheim    | 73 "Pahaw!"             | 114 Byzantine art form      | 24 "Day Now" ('62 hit) | 64 "Day Now" ('62 hit)        | 109 "Saving Private —" | 109 "Saving Private —" |
| 37 "Pilgrim's Progress," e.g. | 74 "Pahaw!"             | 115 Japanese honorific      | 25 Eastern European    | 65 Eastern European           | 110 "O Sole —"         | 110 "O Sole —"         |
|                               |                         |                             |                        |                               | 111 Fond du —, WI      | 111 Fond du —, WI      |



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## monkeying around



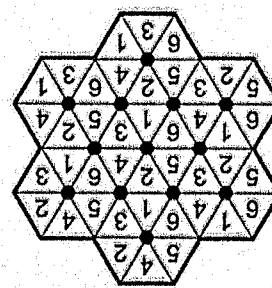
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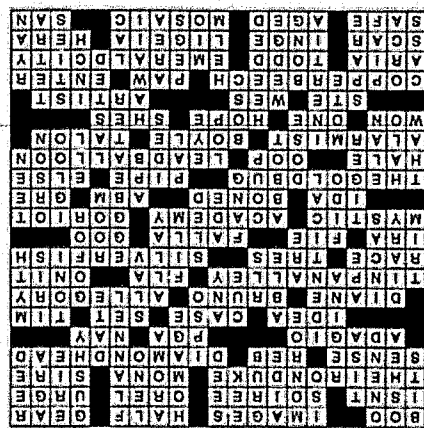


Kids' Maze Solution

Answer  
Puzzles4Kids  
What party games do rabbits like to play?  
Musical hares.



SNOWFLAKES  
solution

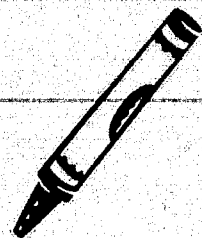


ANSWERS:

Scramblers:  
1. Argue, 2. Govern, 3. Polite, 4. Feign  
Today's Word: Afternoon



# MAHOOSUC KIDS



## Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

### From the Director

Many thanks to the CPS families that attended our first ever Valentine Family Dance. What a wonderful time we all had and what fun to have families come and enjoy the evening together. Special thanks to the MKA staff that arranged a scavenger hunt, valentine crafts, food and door prizes for all to enjoy. I am sure we will do this event again next year!

I also really enjoyed going out to Sunday River Inn to watch the WES cross country skiers this week. They have 39 students participating in that after-school program.

The Tech Wizards program has started at THS with staff from Bryant Pond 4-H as facilitators.

After school vacation, we will be starting our spring play at CPS. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is the play directed by Megan Kelly and Betsy Raymond. Sign up forms have gone home this week. I hope everyone has a wonderful winter vacation - here at MKA we will be busy planning for the Summer Adventure Program!

- Julie Hart,  
MKA Director



Katherine Haley, Harrison Kimball, Charlotte Lambert, Reilley Hedden, and Evan posing for the picture on the ice slide.



Caroline Masters-Siekman and Bella Devivo having fun in the snow.



Craft Time for the Valentines Dance! Preston Fultz, Ryan Beckerman, Felicity Indermuehle, Julia Head, Evan, Harrison Kimball



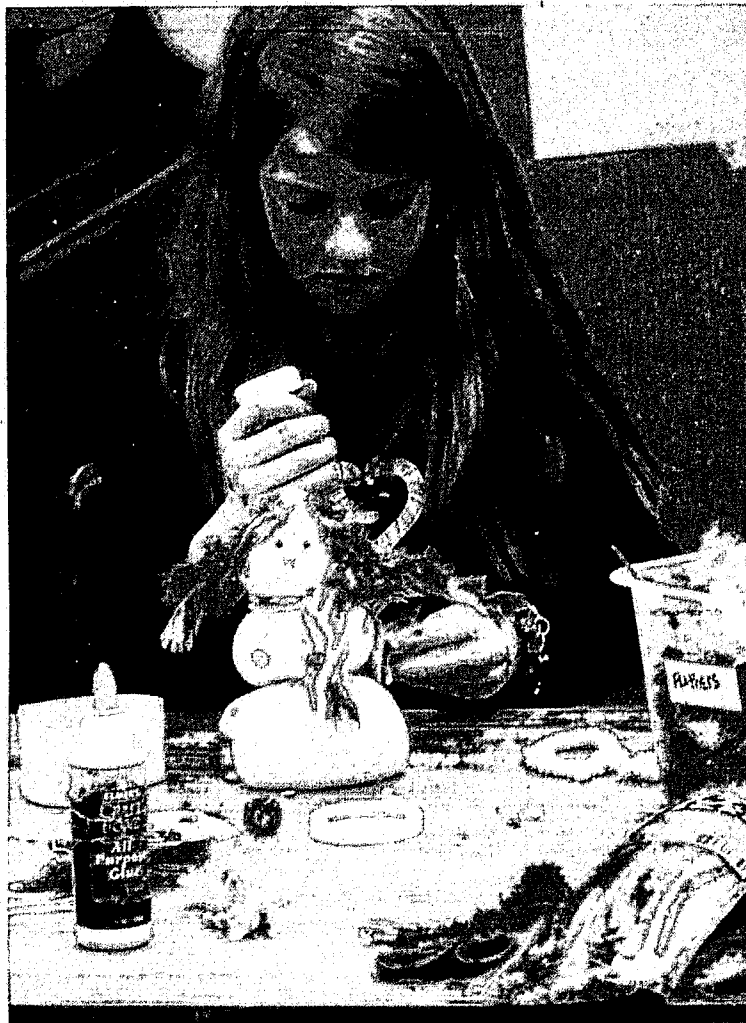
King of the dance  
Boden Cyr.



Queen of the dance  
Mia Hoffman.



John and  
McKenzie  
Elliot sharing a  
dance.



Ella Kellogg puts the finishing touch on her rice snowman.



Austin  
Westliegh  
Cranking  
down the hill  
(Minutes  
before he  
broke the  
sled into  
three pieces).



Shawna &  
Emily's sugar  
cookie lips!



Brayden Stevens, Hiram Towle, Lily Schofield, and Karen Marshall show off the crystals they made during after school science.



Lily Schofield and parent volunteer Phil Landry cross-country skiing.



Playing with the robot during the first day of Tech Wizards.

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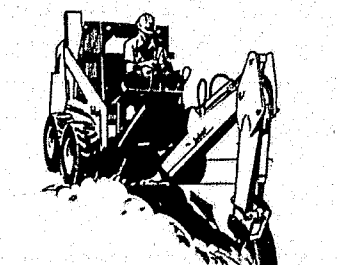
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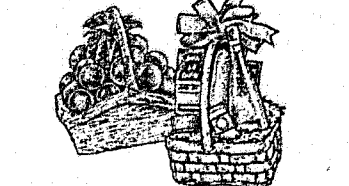
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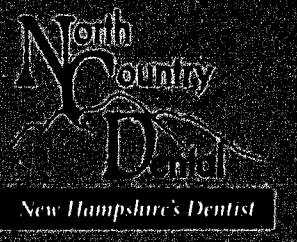
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# Obituaries



## JIM HOLDEN

Jim Holden, 46, of Waynesboro, Va., died Feb. 5, 2012, from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Jim attended Bethel public schools and Gould Academy. Those who knew Jim as a boy will remember him for his impish grin, quick sense of humor, irresistible charm, and love of good-natured mischief.

After leaving Bethel, Jim graduated from SUNY-Buffalo. He sailed and traveled extensively, spent time working at an orphanage in Jamaica, and ultimately settled in Virginia, where he continued to volunteer with needy children and was surrounded by many close friends.

Jim's enduring legacy will be the kindness, generosity, and empathy he extended to all around him.

Jim is survived by mother and stepfather Carolyn and Robert O'Brien of Bethel and Florida, brother and sister-in-law David and Paulette Holden of Connecticut, sister and brother-in-law Katherine (Katy) and Walter Weaver of Maryland, and nieces Ashley and Gabriela Weaver. He was predeceased by his father, David M. Holden. Jim will be dearly missed.



## FRED F. BARTLETT

Fred F. Bartlett, 89, of Mexico, died peacefully at Clover Healthcare on Feb. 7, 2012.

He was born in Mexico, April 13, 1922, the son of Fred and Georgia (Farnum) Bartlett. He was a graduate of Mexico High School, Class of 1940. He served his country in the 25th Division Infantry in the Philippines during World War II. He held the Infantry Combat Badge for campaigns in Luzon and Leyte. He was employed by the Boise Cascade Paper Co. for 44 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a voracious reader, who loved the work of such classic authors as James Michener, John Steinbeck and Carlos Castaneda. He loved to hike, walk and swim. He was a devoted and passionate Boston Red Sox fan.

He was married for 29 years to Martha Hachey, who survives of Auburn. Other survivors include a daughter, Elaine Collins of Auburn; sons, Fred F. Bartlett Jr. of Palm Desert, Calif., Gregory

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at [www.lynchbrothers.com](http://www.lynchbrothers.com).

J. Bartlett of Freeport and David Bartlett of Newry; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by three sisters, Hazel Nickerson, Edna Brown and Delphia Eastman.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Clover Healthcare for his care over the past several years.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at [www.meadersandson.com](http://www.meadersandson.com).

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 11, at Meader & Son Funeral Home, Rumford. Interment in the spring will be at the Rumford Center Cemetery.

## NORMAN A. PUTNAM

Norman A. Putnam, 88, of Bryant Pond died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 at the Hospice House in Auburn.

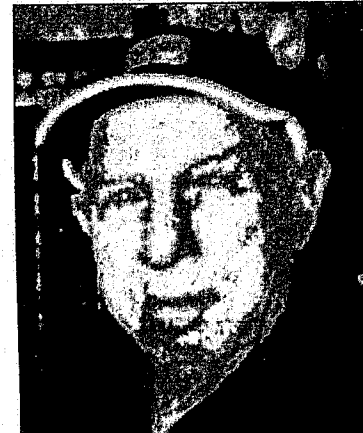
He was born in Lynn, Mass., on April 8, 1923 the son of Harold W. and Sarah Haynes Putnam. He held a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served in the U.S. Army. He married Joan Blair on Aug. 21, 1948.

He was a member of the Masons, the Scottish Rite, the Appalachian Mountain Club and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife of Bryant Pond; three sons, Jeffrey, Randall and his wife Susan and Nathaniel; a daughter, Sarah Klimkowski and her husband Joseph; and four grandchildren.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com).

At his request there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, you may send donations to The Appalachian Trail Conservancy, 799 Washington Street, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0807.



## FRANK A. LOWELL SR.

Frank A. Lowell Sr., 89, of Newry, passed away peacefully Feb. 9 2012 at his home, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Buckfield Dec. 30, 1922, the son of John E. and Ruth Ellingwood Lowell. He attended school in Buckfield, dropping out his sophomore year to work on a farm. With the money he earned, he purchased a farm on North Hill in

Buckfield for his parents.

He worked at the shipyard in Bath before joining the Navy in 1943, serving during World War II in the Pacific on the USS Tazewell APA209, a troop carrier. He worked at the shipyard in San Francisco and helped in building that ship. He was discharged in January 1946.

On Feb. 5, 1947, he married Beatrice Forbes. They made their home in Bethel, raising four children. After the war, he started working in the carpentry business, building many homes in the Bethel area, as well as the Berlin and Gorham, N.H., areas.

In 1953, Frank, along with Stan Davis and Stan Brown, built a sawmill in Juneau, Alaska. He always vowed to go back to Alaska someday.

He built apple cold-storage buildings in Buckfield, Limerick, Alfred, Bridgton and Cornish, along with a blueberry cold-storage building in Ellsworth. In 1958, he built a camp in C surplus with his two friends, Red Blake and Avery Angevine. In 1964, he started Western Maine Supply in Bethel, retailing building materials.

In 1971, he built a new home on the Branch Road in Newry, enjoying 40 years there fishing in his pond and shooting over 120 coyotes out his garage window. In 1975, he started Puzzell Mountain Farm, raising black angus beef cows, building his herd to over 150 head. He showed many cows at the fairs in Maine.

In 1985, he and Bea bought a camping trailer and spent the summer in Alaska; while there they traveled extensively from Homer to Prudhoe Bay. He did not go to Alaska in 1986, but he went every year after until 2008. They owned a home in Sterling, Alaska, for 13 years. He went caribou hunting for 12 years in a row, shooting 37 caribou near the Mulchatna River. He loved fishing the Russian River, along with the Kenai River. If he was not fishing or hunting in Alaska, he was in his garden.

He was very proud to have lived to 89 years, outliving his parents; one brother; and three sisters. Last fall he was very pleased to have been visited by his four aunts, Ina Grover, 87, Susie Abbott, 89, Beryl Oja, 85, and Evelyn Chamberlain, 91. He loved working, hunting, fishing, Moose Valley Camp in Alaska and his family. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 68 for 43 years.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Bea; four children, Mary Ennis, David and his companion Elaine Ecker, Robert and his wife Laura, and Frank Jr. and his companion Nathalie Berry; his sister, Charlotte Warren and her

husband Walter; his brother, Howard and his wife Amanda Dempsey; his aunts, Beryl Oja, Ina Grover, Susie Abbott and Evelyn Chamberlain; seven grandchildren, Cathy Anderson and Kurt of Vermont, Marie Silfer and Matt of South Carolina, Heather Easterlin and Lance of South Carolina, Vicki and Eric Lowell of Newry, and Danny and James Lowell of Bethel; three great-grandchildren, Molly and Miles Silfer and Braydon Easterlin; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; his sisters, Dorothy Heikkinen, Julia Cooper and Elsie Gammon; a brother, Ralph Lowell; brothers-in-law, Vieno Heikkinen, Kenneth Cooper and Oscar Gammon; his niece, Natalie Lowell; and his great friend, Red Blake.

Special thanks to Mary Dempsey, Dr. Medd, Jane Chandler, Dr. Parker, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, Debbie Crump, and his caregivers, Mary Wilson, Deena Bennett and Mabel Buiniskas.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. at the Alliance Church, Bethel. Interment will be in the spring at Powers Cemetery, Newry. Those who wish may make a donation in Frank's name to The Dempsey Center.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com).

## WAYNE A. SVENDBERG

Wayne Arthur Svendberg, 73, of 240 Thistle Street, Upton, Maine, died at the Ledgeview Nursing Facility in West Paris, Maine, on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 after a long illness.

Wayne was born May 16, 1938 in Bridgeport, Conn., to parents Ruby Lebay Svendberg and Ryder Svendberg and lived in the Yellow Mill Village section of Bridgeport as a child.

He resided in Bridgeport, Milford, Stratford, Derby, and Oxford while he resided in Connecticut. He worked for Carpenter Steel as Crane Operator and for Sikorsky Aircraft as Class A Inspector. He later moved to New Hampshire and worked in the mental health field helping others for many years, until retiring in Maine. He resided in Upton, Maine for the last six years.

Survivors include his sons, Glenn Svendberg of Southbury, Conn., and Wayne C Svendberg of Upton, Maine; and his daughter, Kelly Svendberg of Concord, N.H.; his sister, Leslie Aron of Upton, Maine; and brother, Ronny Svendberg of Augusta, Maine; his grandchildren, Wayne, Jamie, Kristine, Jes-

sica and Clayton Svendberg. And many nieces and nephews.

Per Wayne's wishes a private family gathering was held. There will be no calling hours.



## HEIDI M. KANES

Heidi M. Kanes, 31, died unexpectedly Feb. 2, 2012, in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

She was born Dec. 1, 1980, to Monica E. Mann of South Woodstock, Maine, and Douglas F. Kanes of Homer, Alaska.

Heidi grew up in South Woodstock, Maine, and attended Woodstock Elementary School and Telstar Middle School, where she received awards and recognition for her artwork, including the Faye Taylor Memorial Award in 1991. She was an avid snowboarder and proud of her first job as a snowboard instructor at Sunday River.

She grew up in a close-knit community of family and friends. And she will always be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor.

As a teenager she moved out west to reconnect with her father.

Heidi is survived by her parents, Monica Mann and Douglas Kanes; her former partner, Rolf Milke of Rancho De Taos, N.M.; their daughter, Marieke Milke of Rancho De Taos, N.M.; her brother, Patrick Beaton of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; her aunts and uncles, Brian and Betsey Kanes of Olympia, Wash.; Candace Kanes and her partner Barbara Murphy of Brunswick, Maine; Lorraine and John Lee of Baltimore, Md.; Judith and David Wood of Highland, Md.; Paul and Irene Mann of Baltimore, Md.; and a cousin, Lisa Mann of Lake Park, Fla.

A service in her memory will be held in the spring. Donations in her memory can be sent to Explorations, art activities for children, c/o Arla Patch, 151 Cushman Hill Road, Bryant Pond, ME 04219.

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